# AUTOMATED TRAFFIC SIGNAL PERFORMANCE MEASURES: CASE STUDIES

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## Automated Traffic Signal Performance Measures

### Technology Implementation Group: 2013 Focus Technology

http://tig.transportation.org

Mission: Investing time and money to accelerate technology adoption by agencies nationwide





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# AUTOMATED TRAFFIC SIGNAL PERFORMANCE MEASURES CASE STUDIES: UDOT



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## Automated Signal Performance Measures Goals

- Operate & optimize system without field data collection
- Catch problems as they happen
- Retime signals as needed, not on a schedule
- Communicate signal/corridor/system performance to public & agency leaders

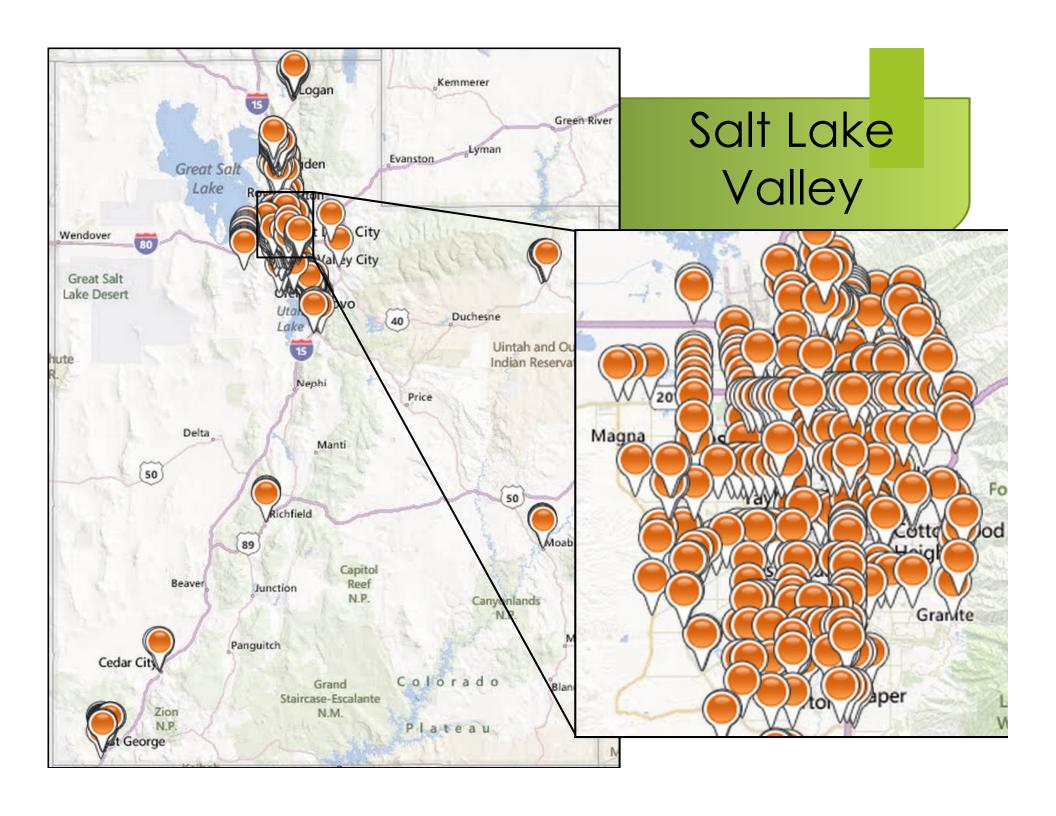


#### **Signal Performance Metrics**



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http://udottraffic.utah.gov/signalperformancemetrics





#### Controller high-resolution data only

**Purdue Phase Termination** 

Split Monitor

#### Advanced Count Detection (~400 ft behind stop bar)

Purdue Coordination Diagram & Arrivals on Red

Approach Volume

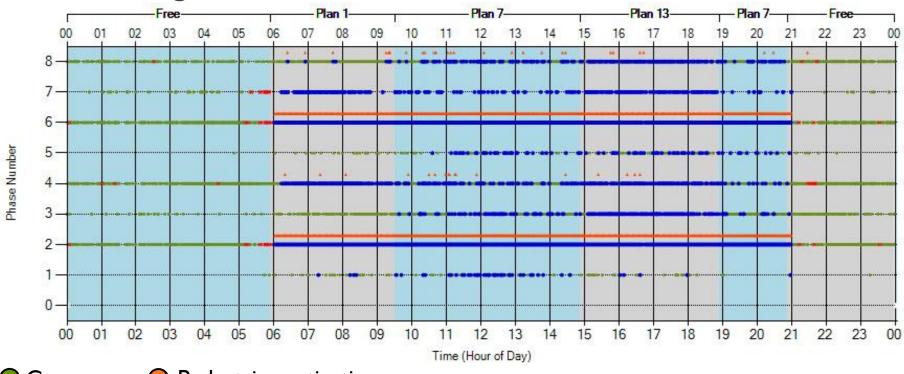
Approach Delay

**Executive Summary Reports** 

Advanced Detection with Speed	Lane-by-lane Presence Detection		
Approach Speed	Split Failure (future)		
Lane-by-lane Count Detection	Probe Travel Time Data (GPS or Bluetooth)		

## Normal Intersection Example: Phase Termination Chart

24-hours of phase data at an 8-phase signal with working detection



Gapout

Pedestrian activation (shown above phase line)

Max out

O Skip

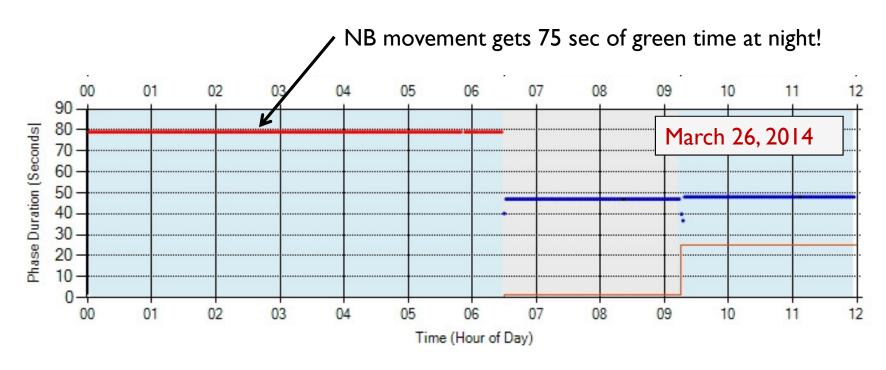
Force off

**Metric: Split Monitor** 

## Complaint Example: Red light too long



Max recall was placed for broken NB detection

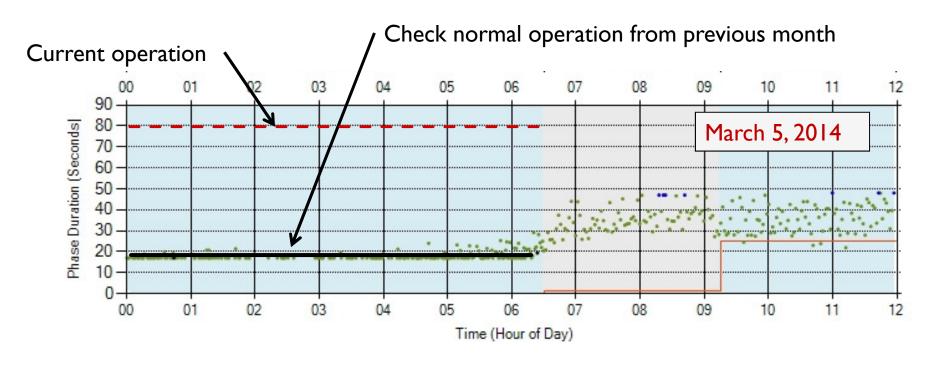


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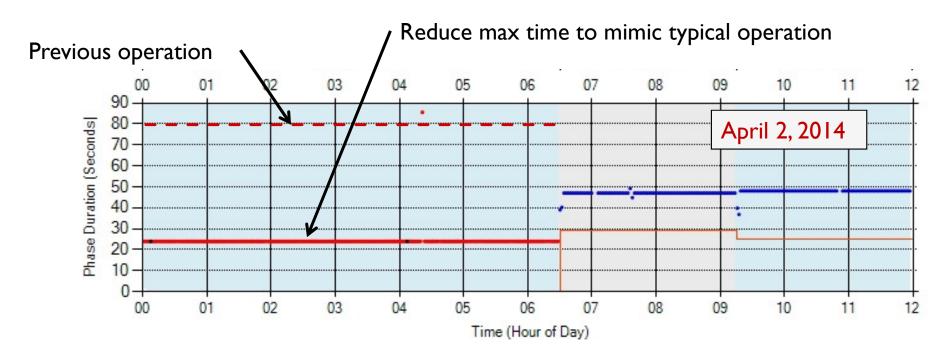


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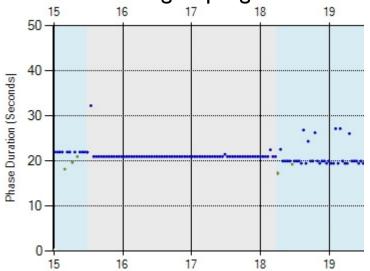
## Complaint Example: Split too short



Timing Issue:

Phase always forces off

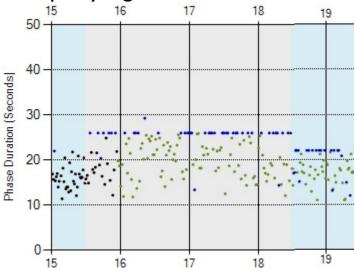
=> Phase is using all programmed time



Maintenance Issue:

Phase often gaps out

=> Spotty right-turn lane detection

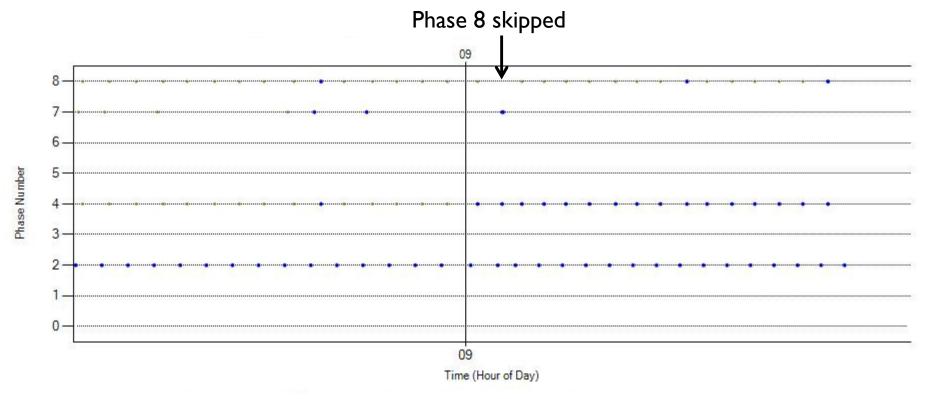


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**Metric: Split Monitor** 

## Complaint Example: Phase skipped

SPMs confirm it was a fluke



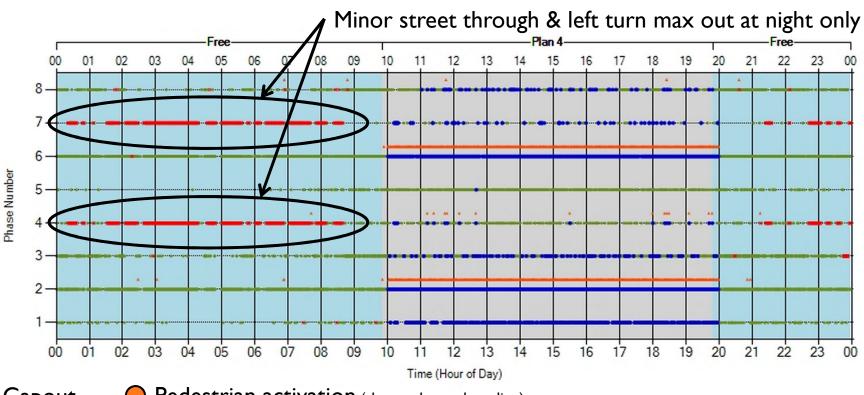
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Pedestrian activation (shown above phase line)

Max out
Skip

Force off

#### Maintenance Example: Nighttime detection problem

▶ BEFORE: Video detection not working at night



Gapout

Pedestrian activation (shown above phase line)

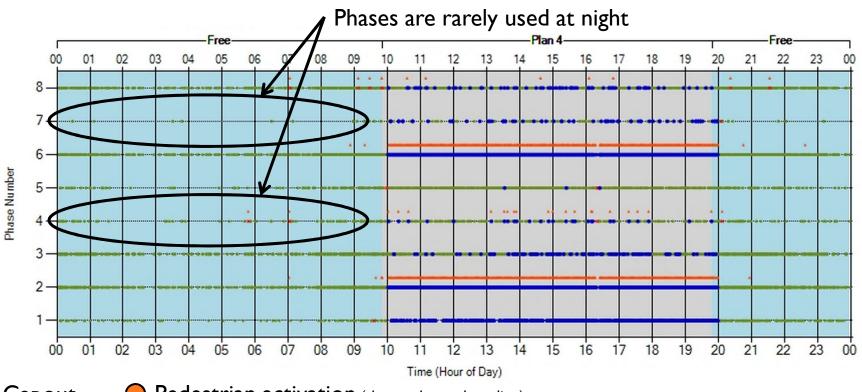
Max out

O Skip

Force off

#### Maintenance Example: Nighttime detection problem

AFTER: New detection technology installed



Gapout

Pedestrian activation (shown above phase line)

Max out

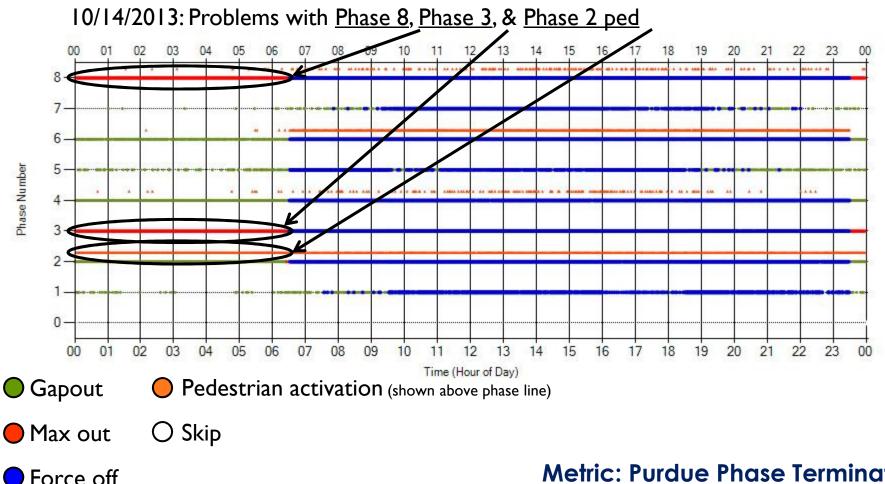
O Skip

Force off

## Maintenance Example: Check for additional problems



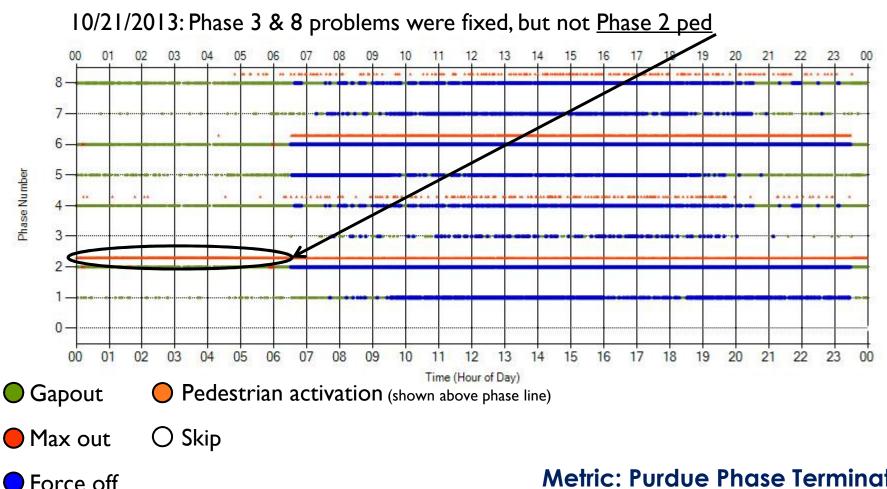
Phase 2 ped problem was not noticed at field visit



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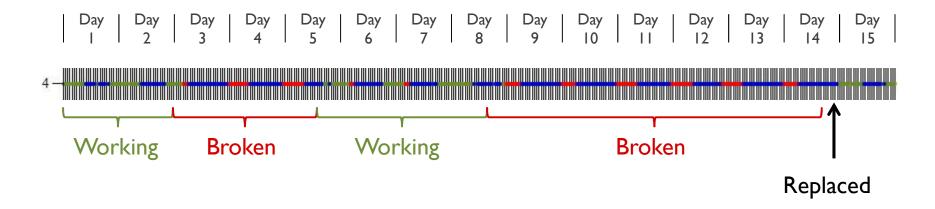


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#### Detection Upgrade Justification

Document recurring detection problems



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  Skip
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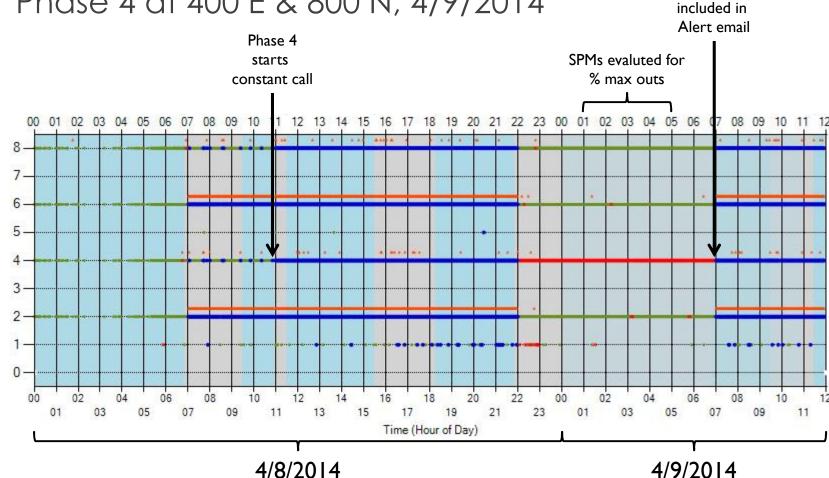
## Alert Example: 100% Max Out



- Daily email at 7 a.m.
- Uses Purdue Phase Termination chart data
- ► Flags phases with >90% max-outs on each phase between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m.
- Compare to previous day's list. Only phases with new flags are sent in the email.

#### Alert Example: 100% Max Out

Phase 4 at 400 E & 800 N, 4/9/2014



Gapout

Phase Number

Pedestrian activation (shown above phase line)

Max out

O Skip

• Force off

**Metric: Purdue Phase Termination Detection Requirements: None** 

Phase 4

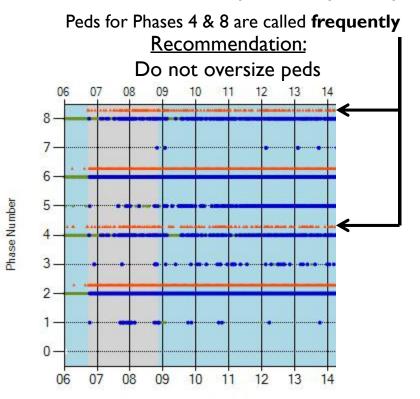
## Operations Example: Oversize Peds

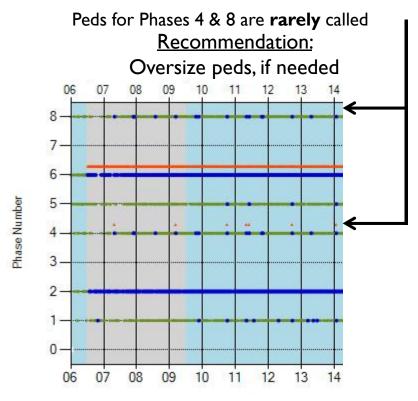
Ped buttons for Phase 4 is rarely pushed

Recommendation:

Oversize peds, if needed

Check frequency of ped calls

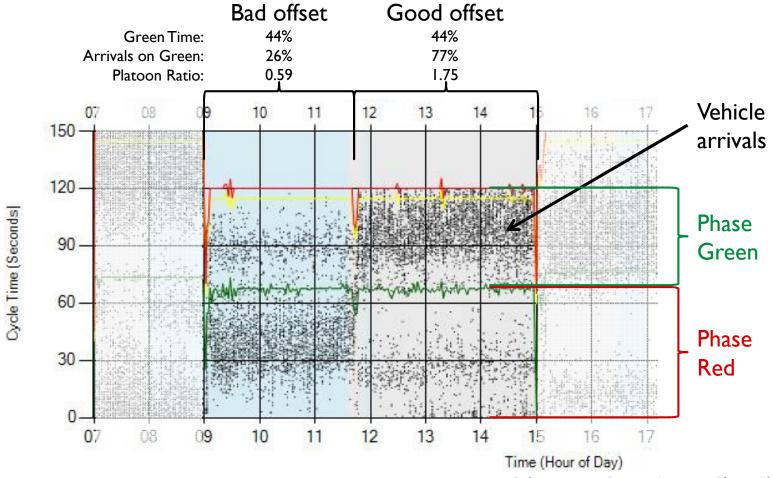




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## Optimization Example: Progression Quality

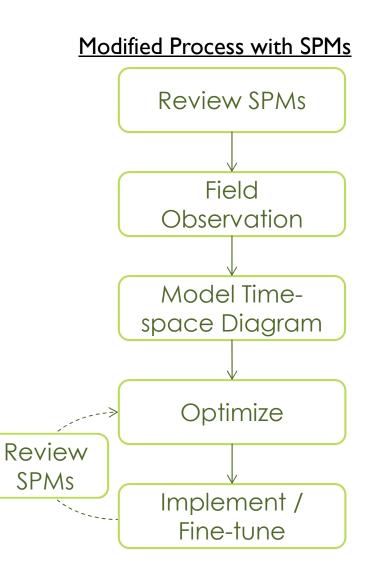
► Fine-tuning new coordination plans

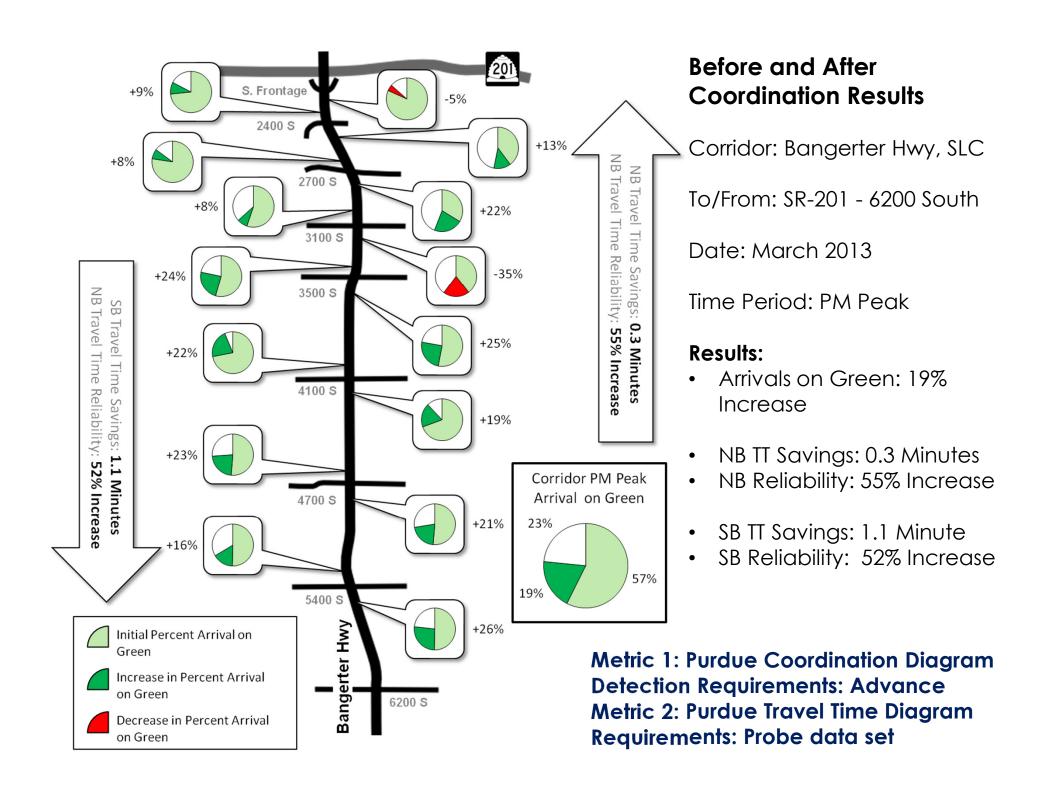


Metric: Purdue Coordination Diagram Detection Requirements: Advance

#### Optimization with SPMs

### **Traditional Process** Collect Data Model Optimize Implement / Fine-tune

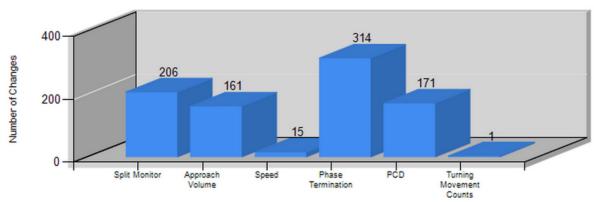




## Intersection Adjustments using SPMs January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013

- Adjustments made at 325+ intersections
  - ▶ 185 work orders for detector problems
  - ▶ 40 offset adjustments
  - ▶ 5 time-of-day corrections





Metric

**Metric: Usage Reports** 

#### System Requirements

- Traffic signal controllers with 1/10<sup>th</sup> s. data logger
  - -- Econolite (ASC/3; Cobalt) -- Intelight ATC -- Naztec (Beta)

-- PEEK ATC

- -- Siemens Linux / ATC
- Communications or storage memory on controllers
- FTP connection to signal 3.
- Server to store controller logs
- Enumerations analyzed and graphed (INDOT & UDOT software developed in-house)

Can be done independent of a Central System!

#### System Requirements





Communications

**High-resolution Controller** 

- 1) Get.dat Files
- 2) Translate Files



3) Store in Database

Server

- Query Database
- 2) Display Graphs

Website



**Detection** 

Photo courtesy of the Indiana Department of Transportation





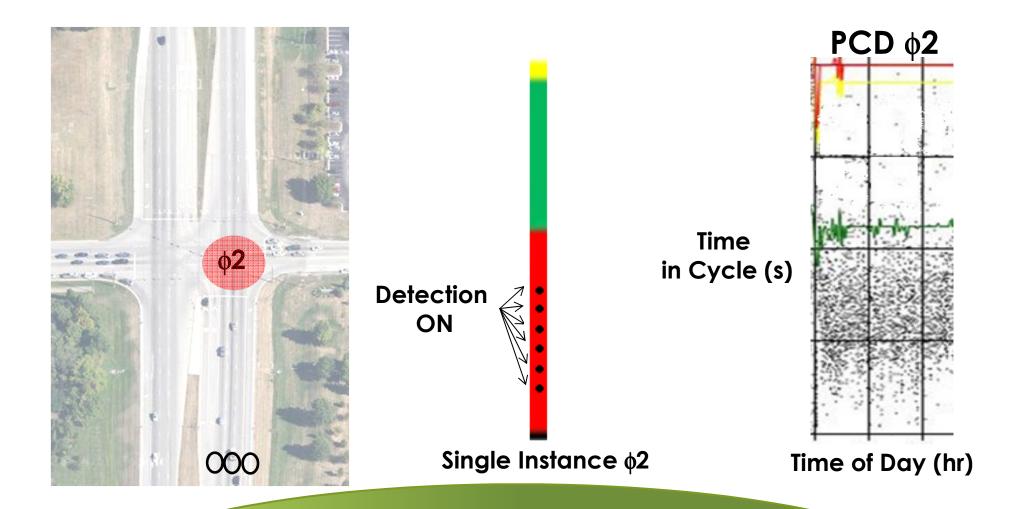
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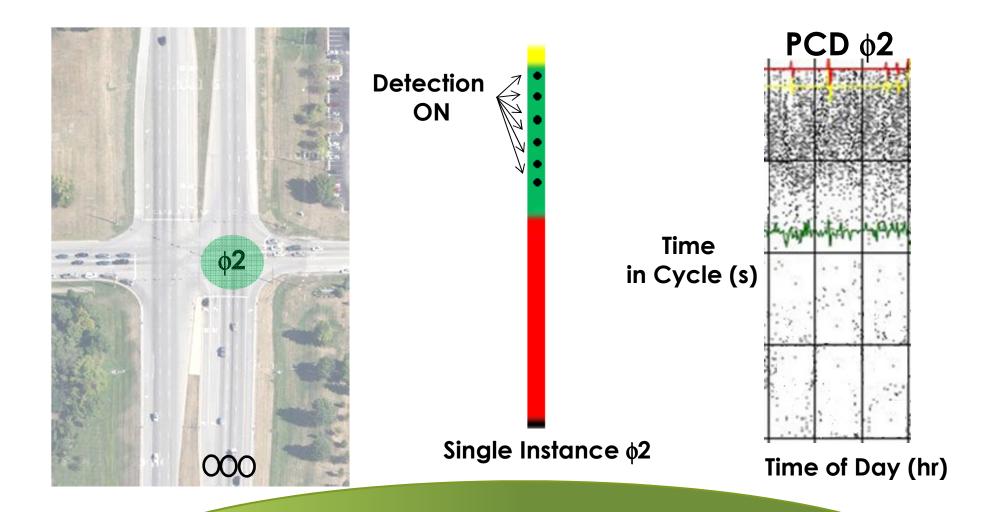


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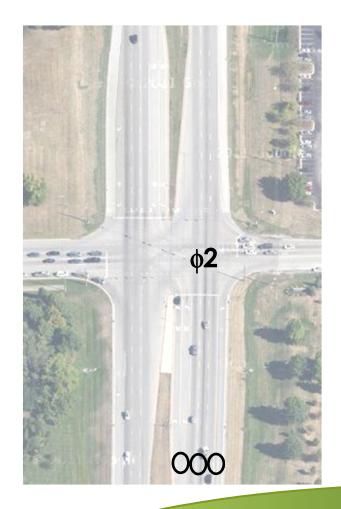
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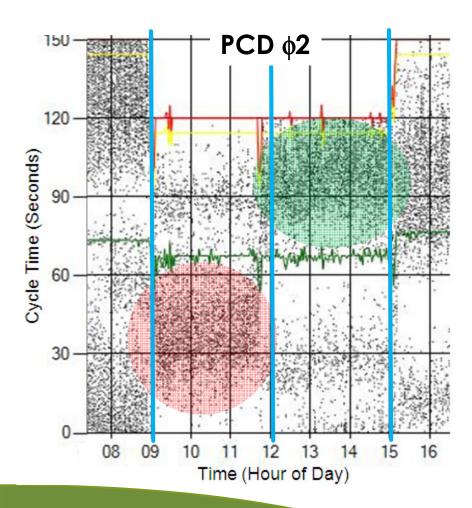


PCD: Red Arrival

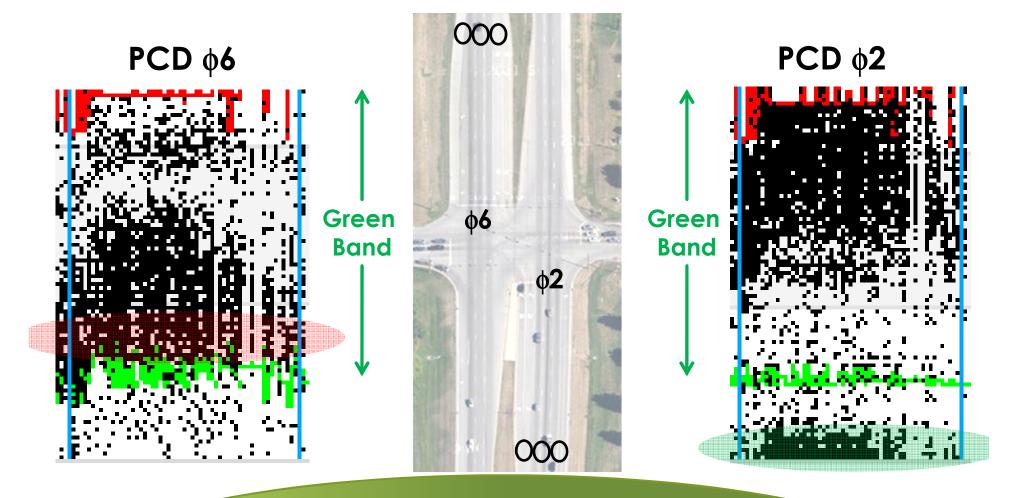


PCD: Green Arrival





## PCD: Platoon Arrival by TOD



PCD: Adjust Offsets





- # SIGNALS TOTAL
- # SIGNALS ONLINE, AUTOMATICALLY STORING DATA & GENERATING PERFORMANCE MEASURE GRAPHS
- PEEK ATC, ECONOLITE ASC/3, SIEMENS M50 SERIES...



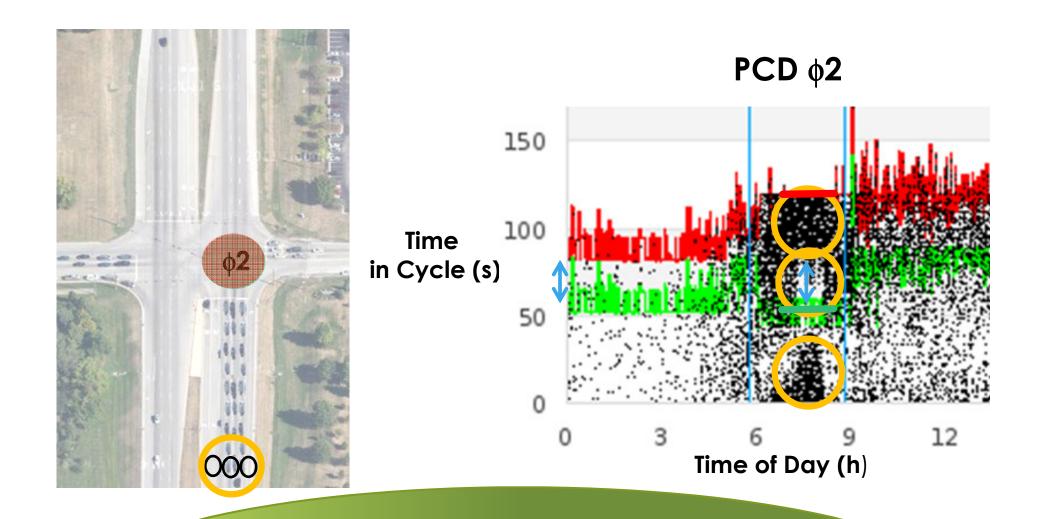


- WEEKENDS & OFF-PEAKS
- ROUTINE RETIMINGS
- CONSTRUCTION SEASON:
  - You cannot be everywhere at once!
  - Could take Months for traffic to settle
  - Project in Flux:
    - Detection
    - Phases
    - Approaches / Lanes
    - Adjacent construction detours

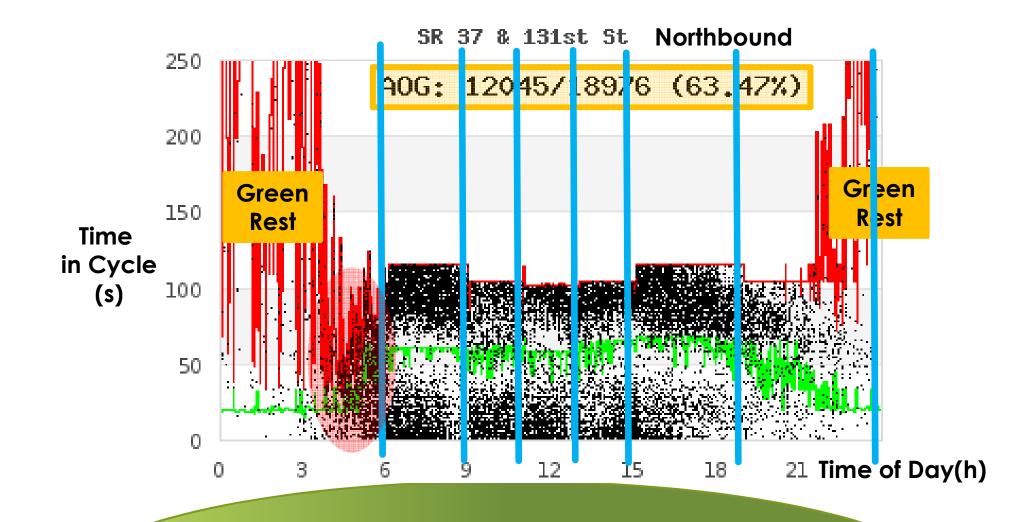


# Moving Forward:

- CLOSELY-SPACED
   SIGNALS ALSO NEED
   ADVANCED
   DETECTION ON LEFT
   TURNS
- SEPARATE DETECTION CHANNELS FOR EACH LANE



# PCD: Cycle Failure



## PCD: Pattern Start & End Times

# Hi-resolution Event-based Data for Diamond Interchange Operations

ALEX HAINEN

**AMANDA STEVENS** 

CHRIS DAY

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JIM STURDEVANT

DARCY BULLOCK

**HOWELL LI** 

#### Diamond Interchanges

Normal Intersection

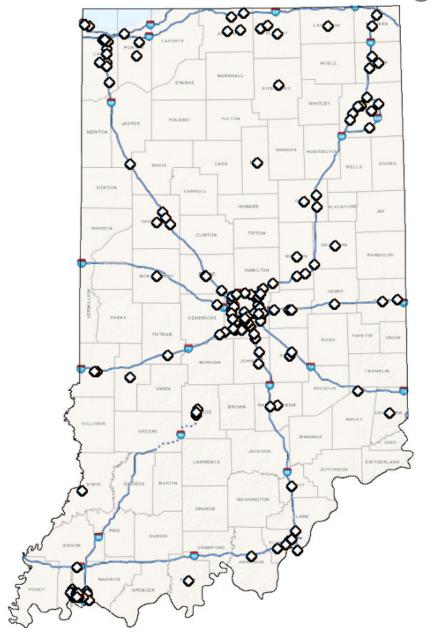
What are they and why do the matter?

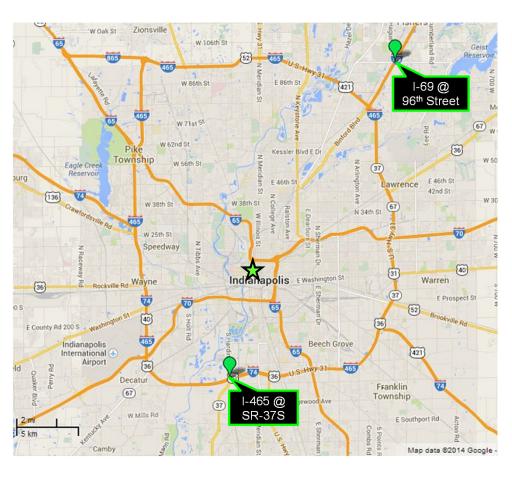
Diamond Interchange

#### Diamond Interchanges

Indiana = 161 Interchanges

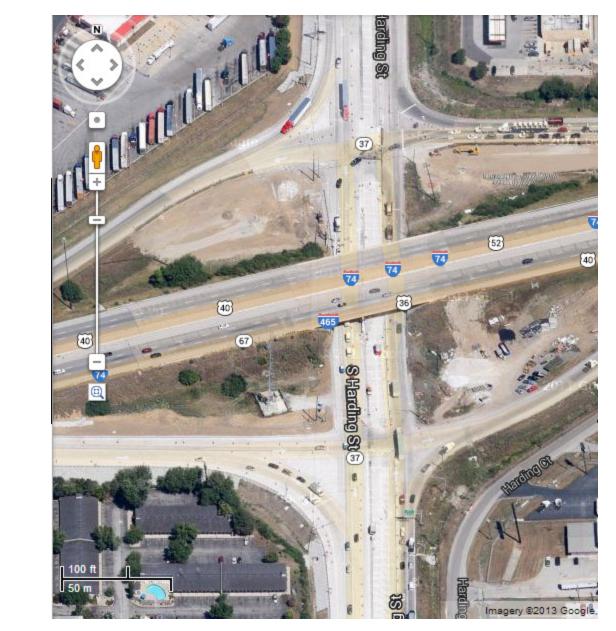
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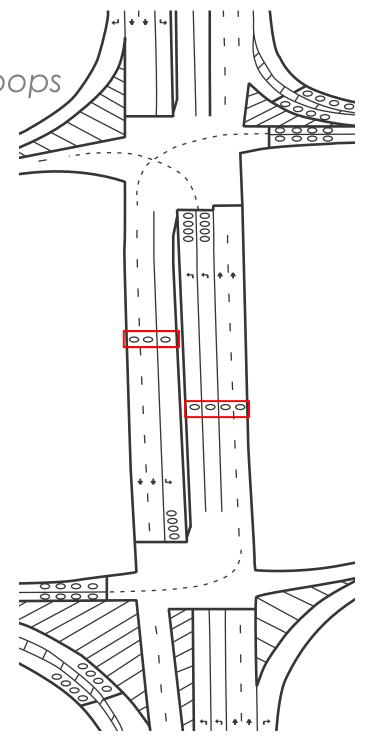


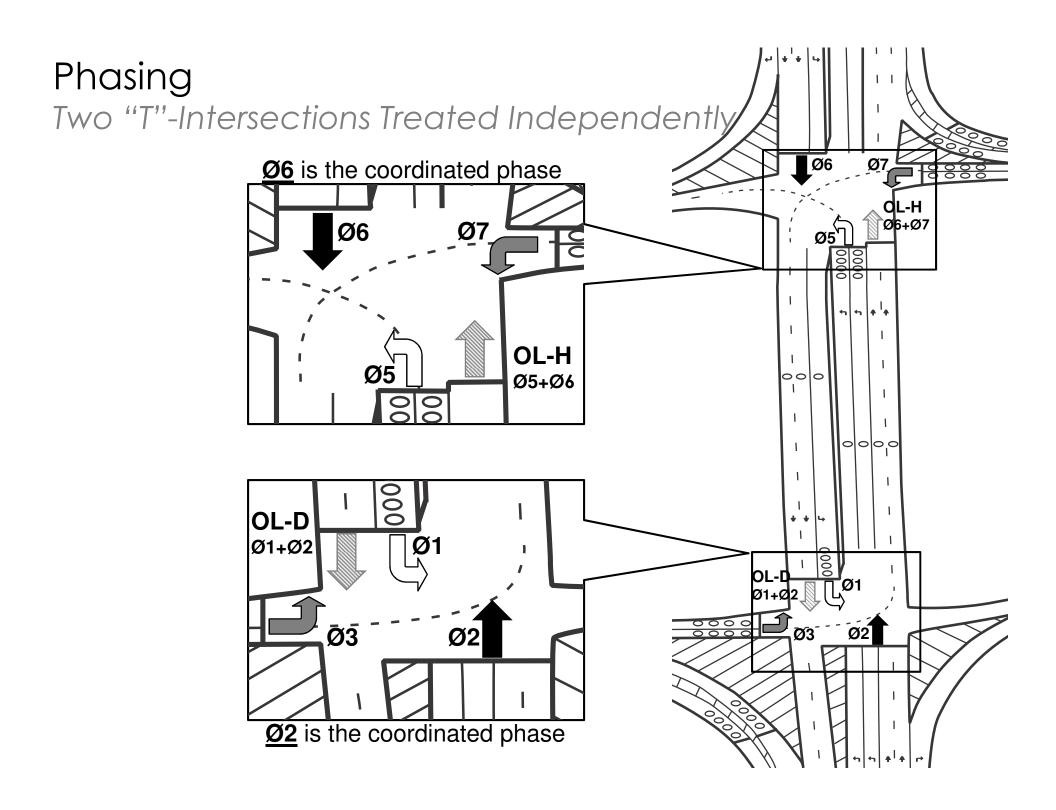


I-465 @ SR-37

Diamond Interchange w/Advanced Loops

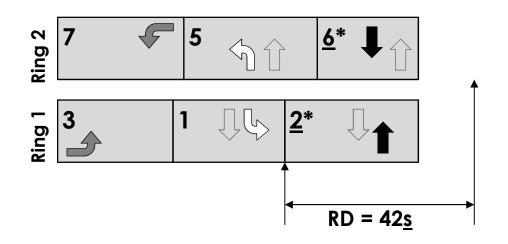


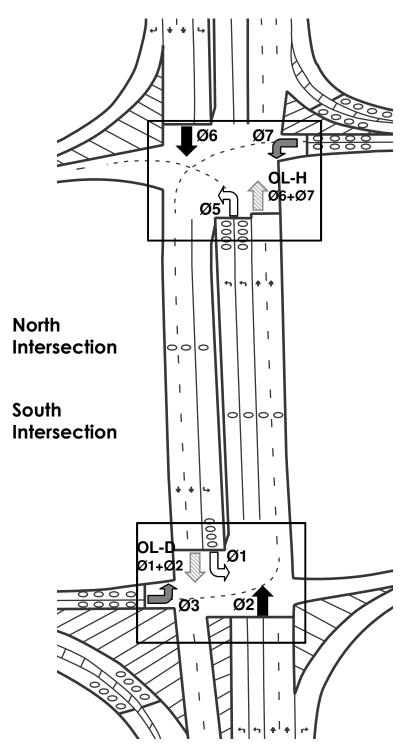


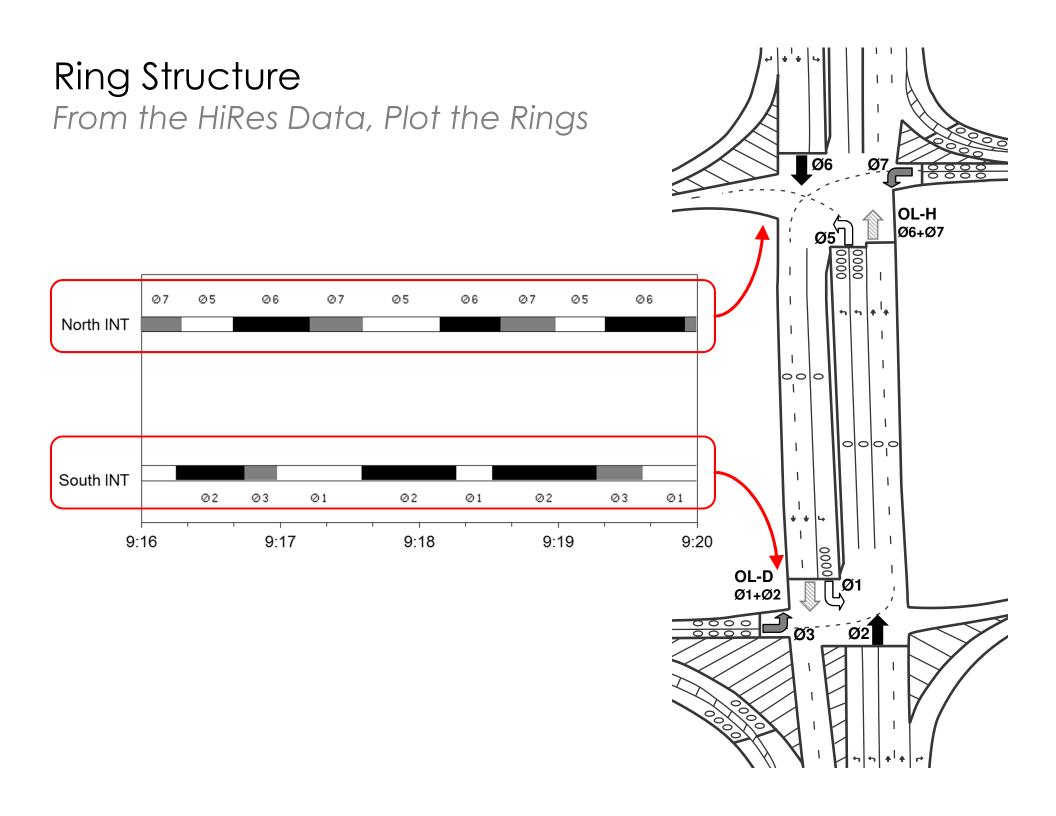


#### Ring Displacement

Offset Between Coordinated Phases





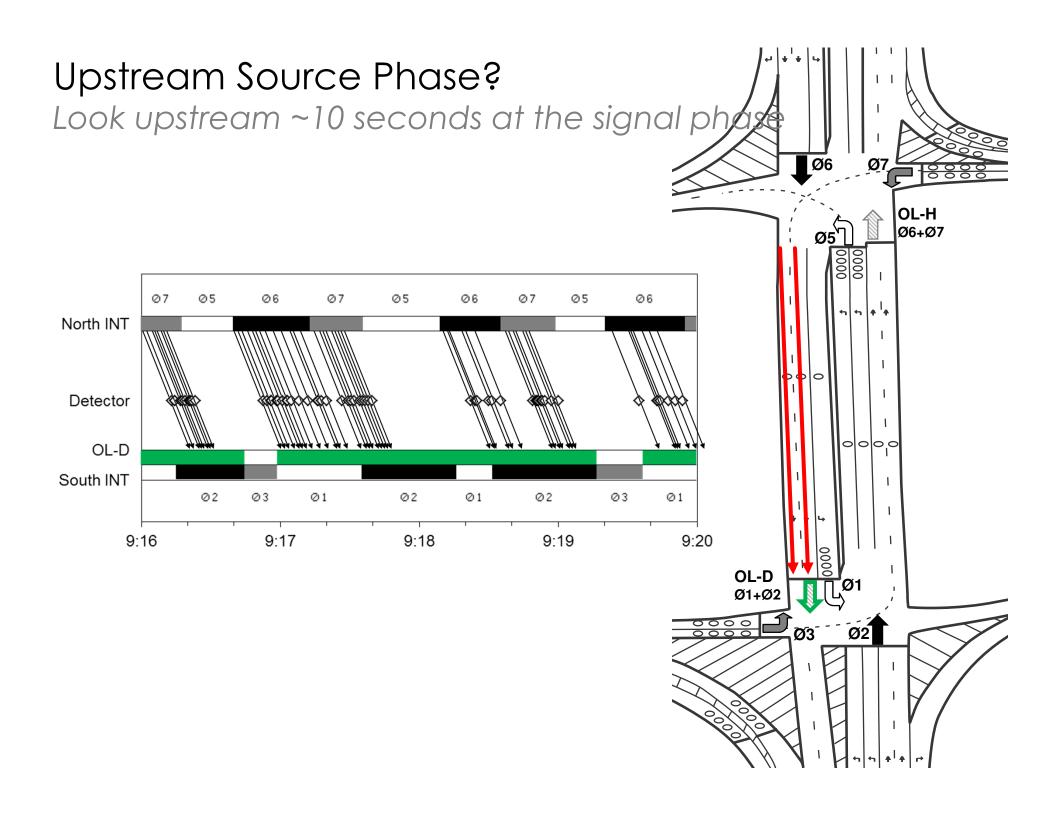


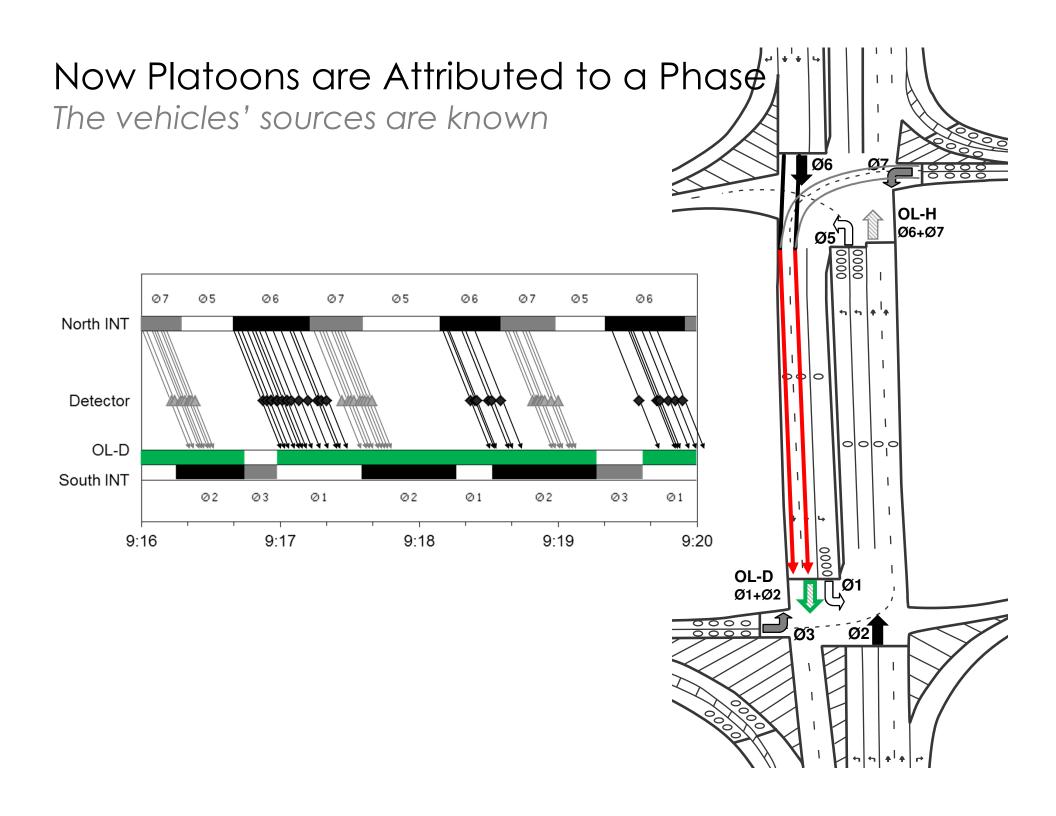
#### Ring Displacement How is this parameter set? Ø7 OL-H Ø6+Ø7 07 05 06 07 05 06 07 05 06 North INT Ring 00 0 **Displacement** South INT Ø3 02 02 02 Ø1 03 Ø1 9:16 9:17 9:18 9:19 9:20 OL-D COORDINATOR PATTERN [ 1] PARAMETERS Ø1+Ø2 TS2 (PAT-OFF).. PATN R3 R4 CYCLE.... 0s STD (COS).....111 MODE LAG SEQ LAG LAG OFFSET VAL.... 0000 0s DWELL/ADD TIME. 0 Ø2 $\overline{03}$ ACTUATED COORD... NO TIMING PLAN.... & 0 ACT WALK REST.... NO SEQUENCE..... 0 0 0 PHASE RESRUCE.... NO ACTION PLAN.... MAX SELECT.... NONE FORCE OFF.... NONE 0 SPLIT PREFERENCE PHASES (0-6): NRM/PRM/YLD/PYL/POM/SOM/FAC PHASE[s] 1 2 SPT[ 1] 0 A-UP B-DN C-LT D-RT E-ENTER F-PRIOR MENU PREF 1... 0 PREF 2... 0 0 SPLT EXT...0s. 0s 0s RING DISP -0s 0s 0s (RING 2-4)

#### SB Thru Detectors Consider one of the four internal movements Ø7 OL-H Ø6+Ø7 Ø5 07 06 07 05 06 07 05 06 North INT Detector $\Diamond$ $\Diamond$ South INT 02 Ø1 02 02 Ø3 Ø1 Ø3 Ø1 9:16 9:17 9:18 9:19 9:20 OL-D Ø1+Ø2 ø2 $\overline{03}$

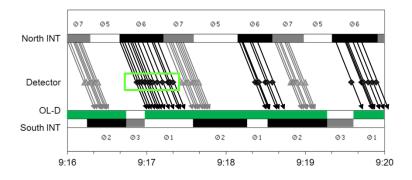
#### Arrival on Green? Plot the green status of the overlap Ø7 OL-H Ø6+Ø7 Ø5 Ø5 Ø5 07 Ø6 07 Ø6 07 Ø6 North INT Detector ♦ ♦ **(XXXX**) 000,0 OL-D South INT 02 Ø1 02 Ø3 Ø1 02 Ø3 Ø1 9:17 9:19 9:20 9:16 9:18 OL-D Ø1+Ø2 Ø2 Ø3

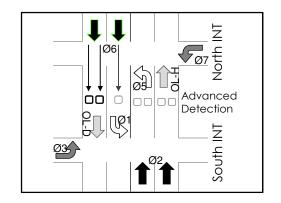
#### Project the Detector Data 295' upstream ≈ 5 seconds @ 40 MPH Ø7 OL-H Ø6+Ø7 05 07 05 06 07 06 07 05 06 North INT Detector OL-D South INT 02 Ø1 Ø3 Ø1 02 Ø1 9:20 9:16 9:18 9:19 9:17 OL-D Ø1+Ø2 The engineer who set the ring displacement did a 0000 ø2 $\overline{03}$ fantastic job at arrivals on green for this movement!

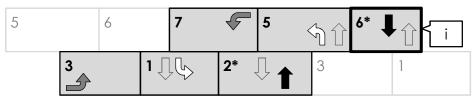


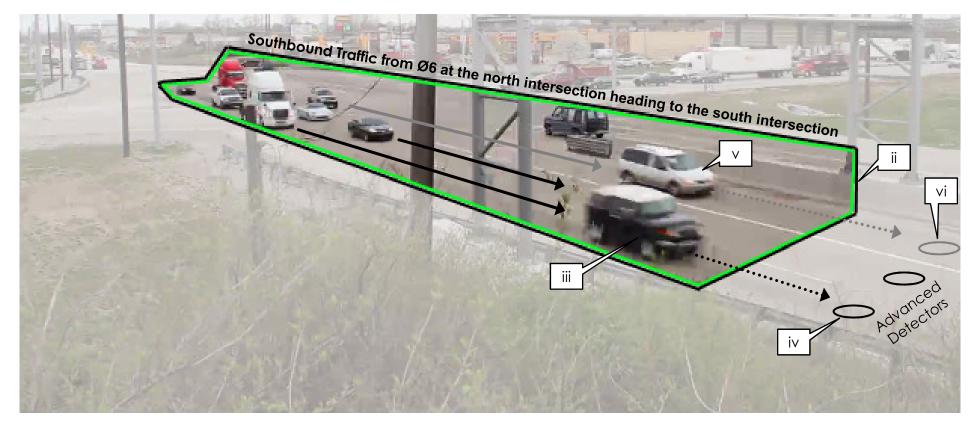


# Traffic from SBT Vehicles from Ø6



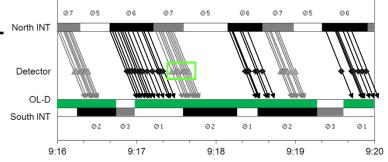


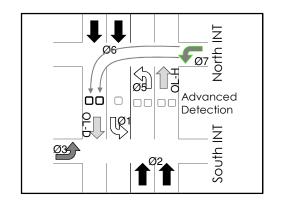


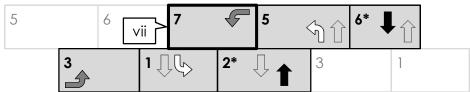


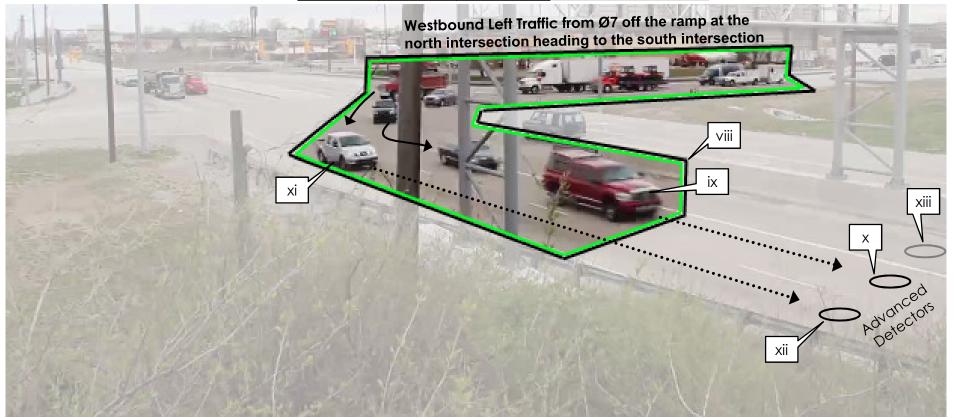
#### Traffic from WBL North INT

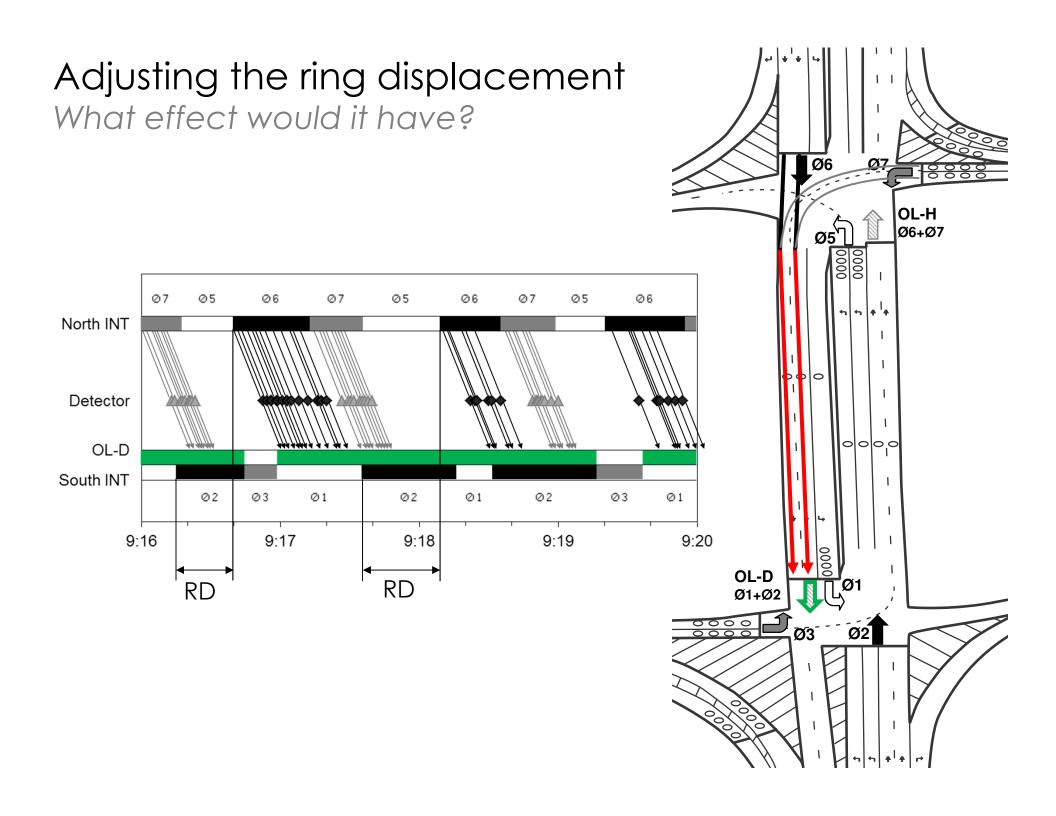
Vehicles from Ø7

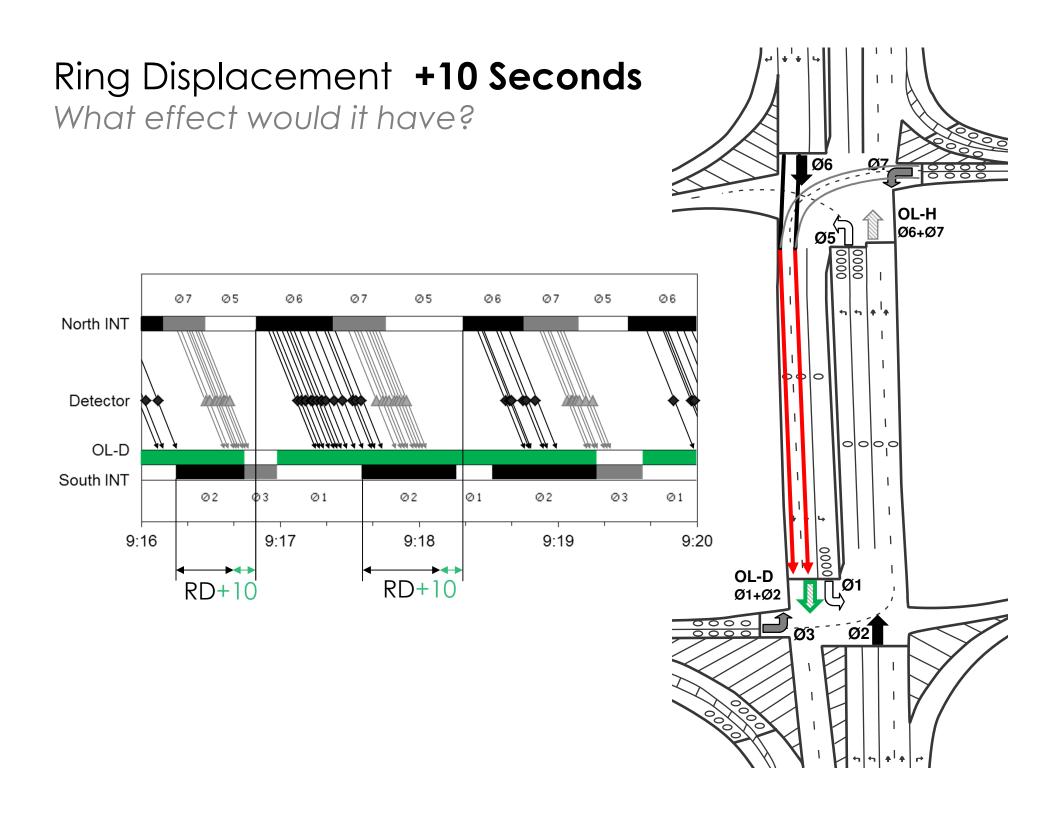


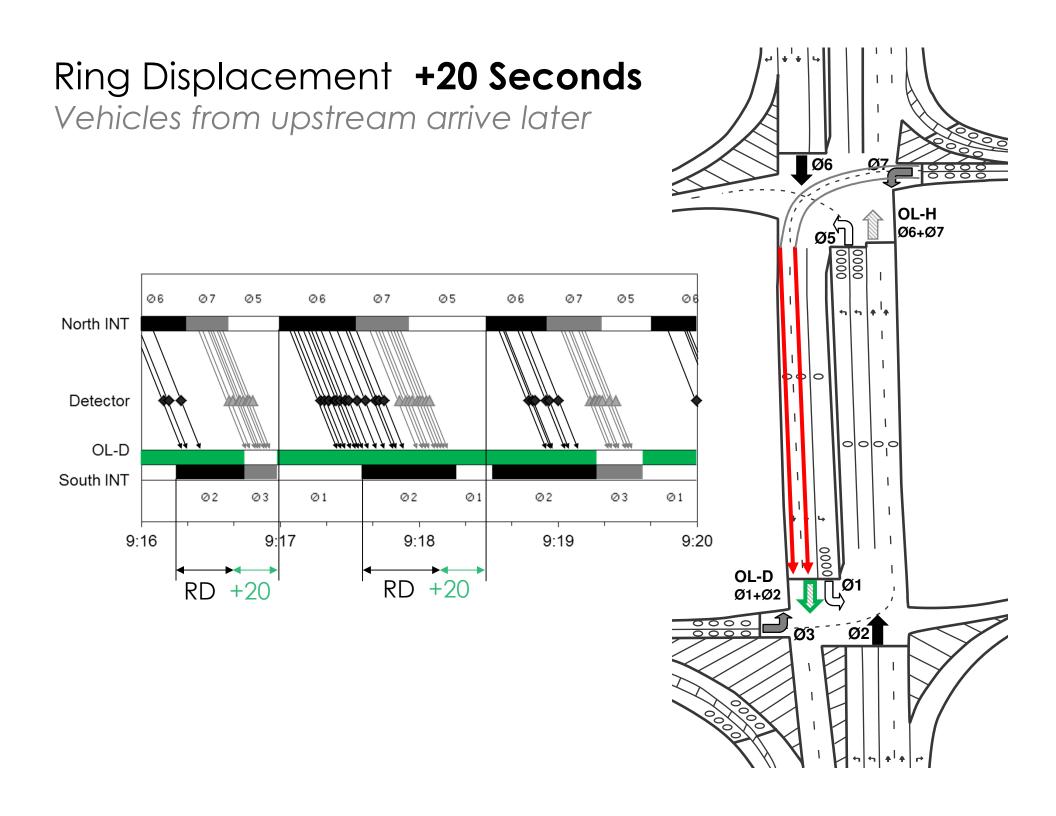


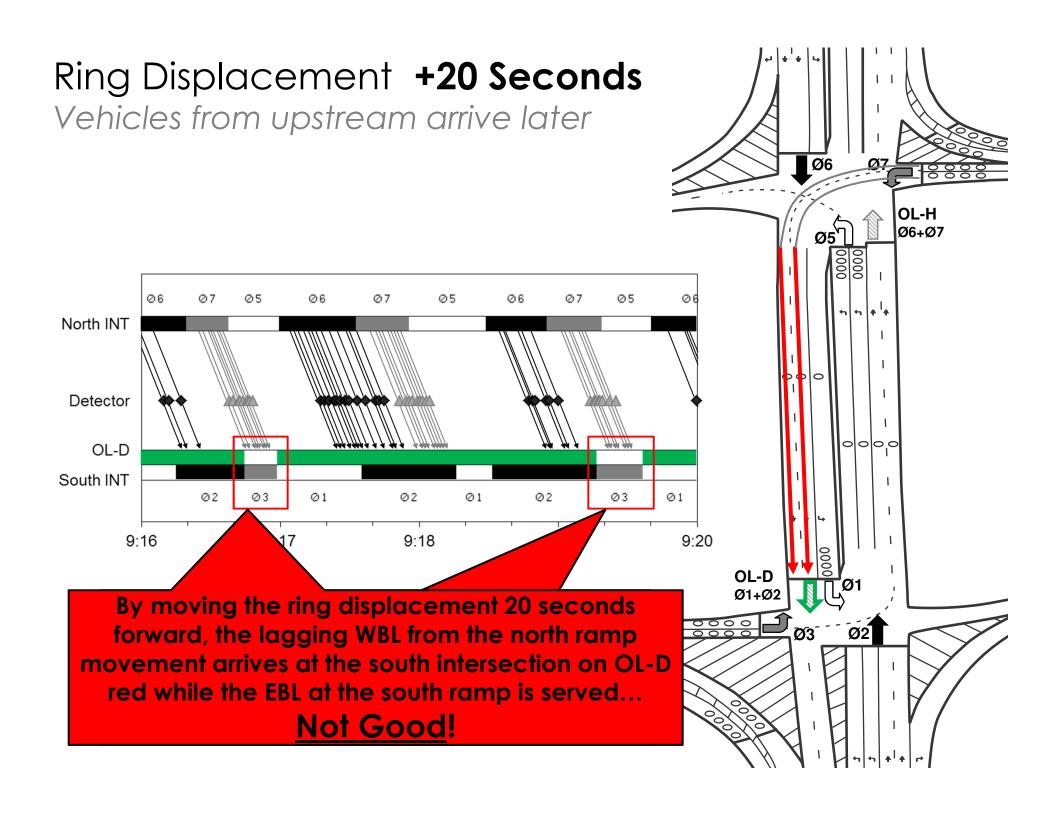




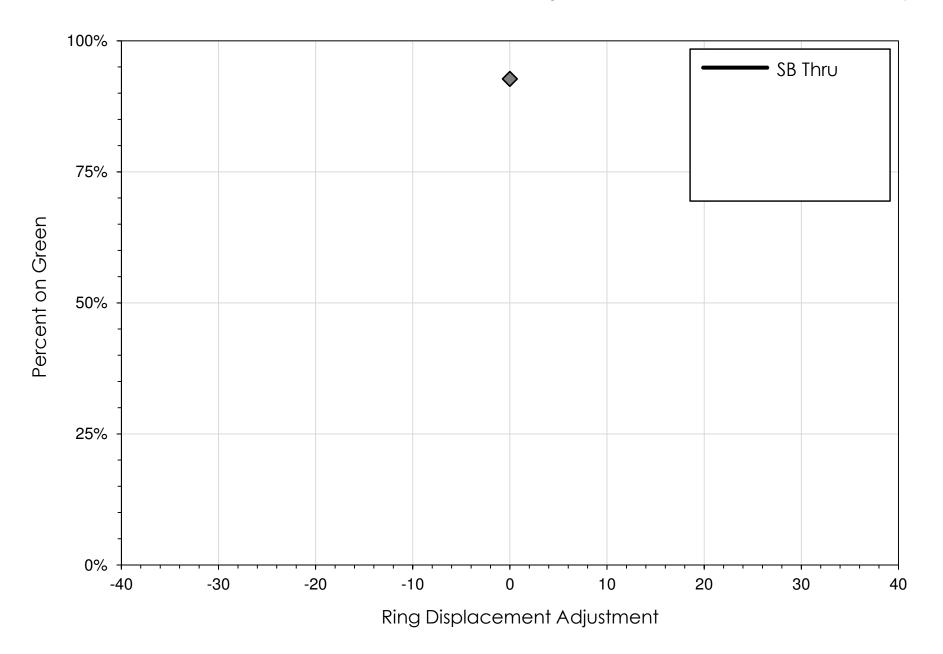




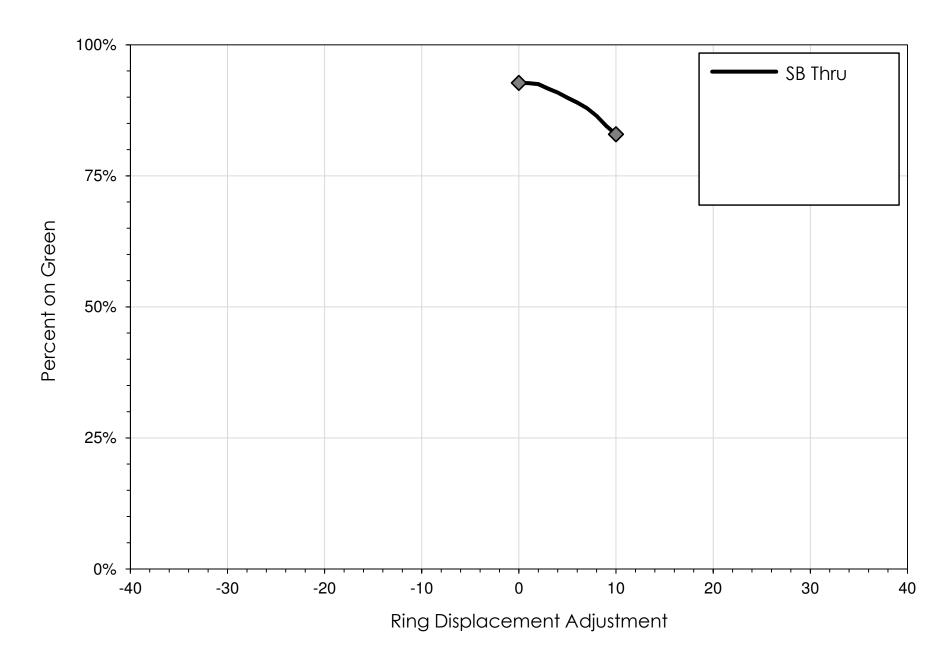




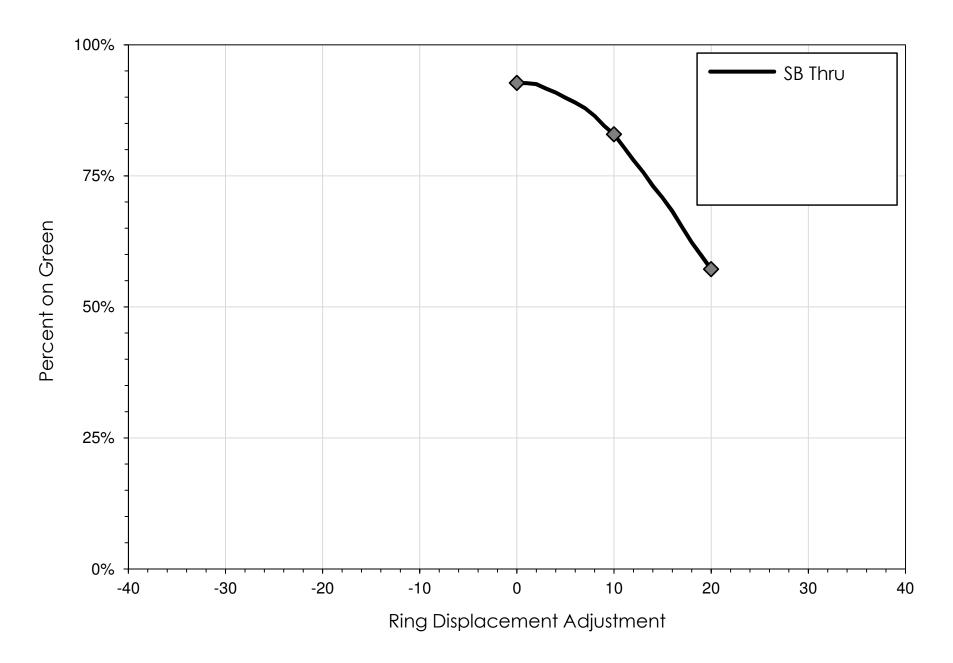
Let's Look at the Southbound Thru (Our +0, +10, +20 example)

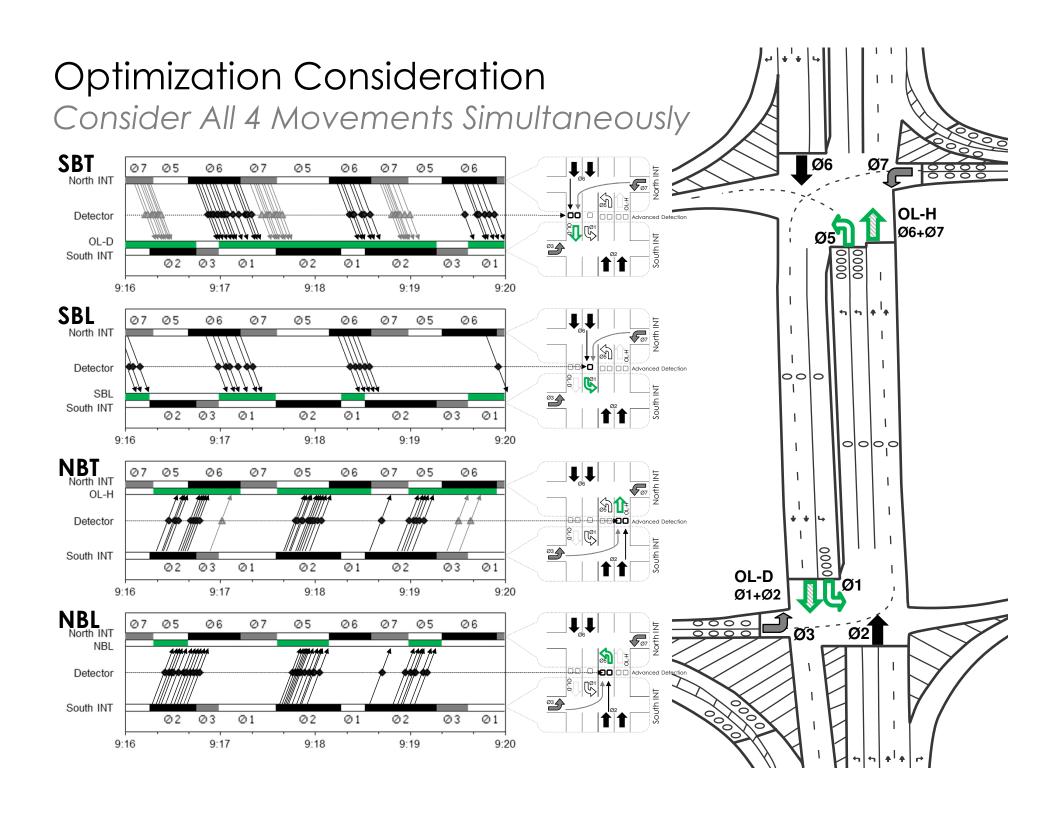


Southbound Thru +10

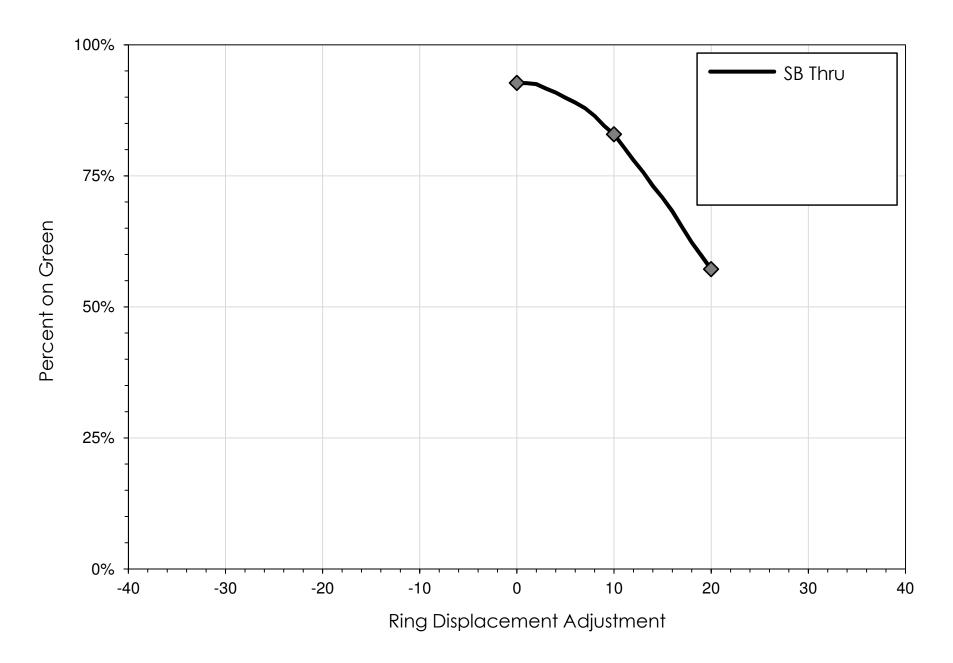


Southbound Thru +20

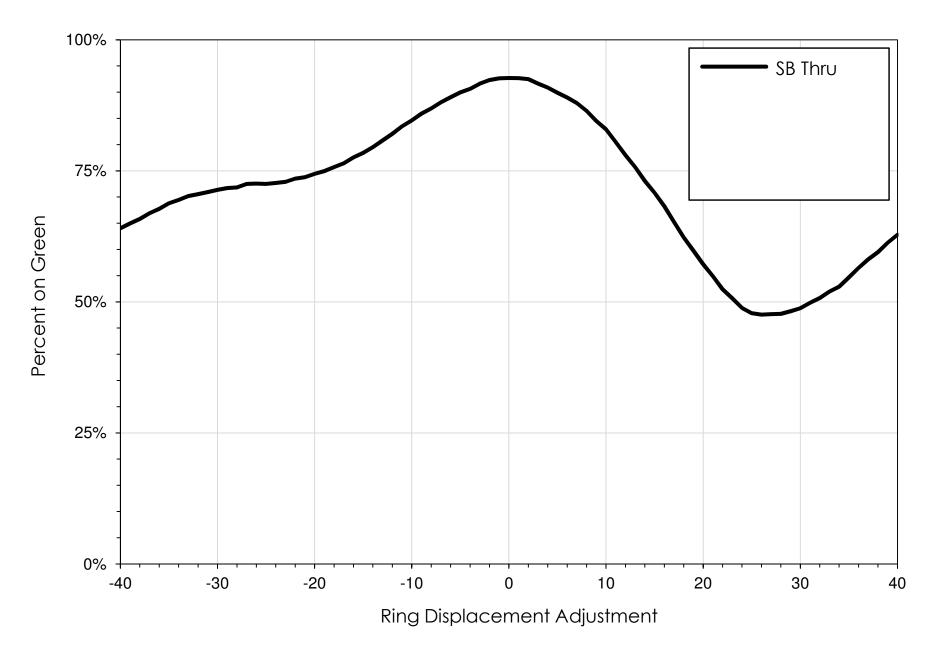




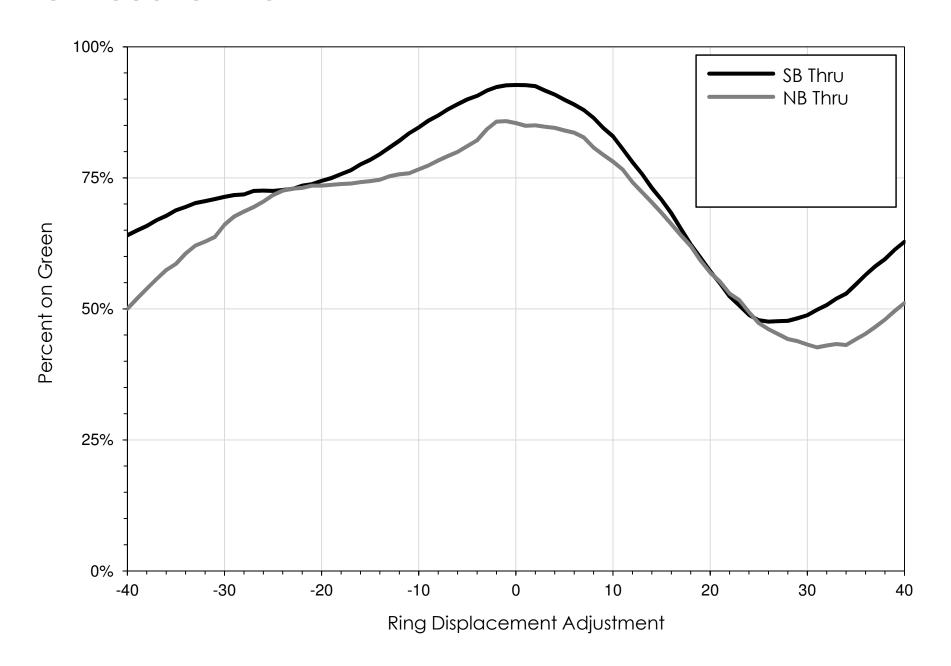
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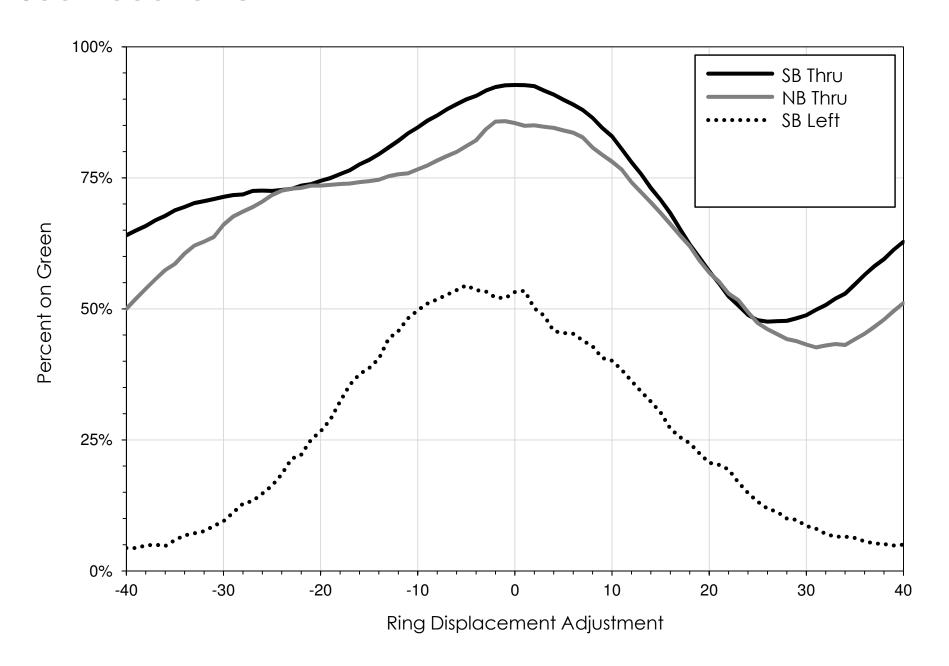
Southbound Thru for the Full Sweep



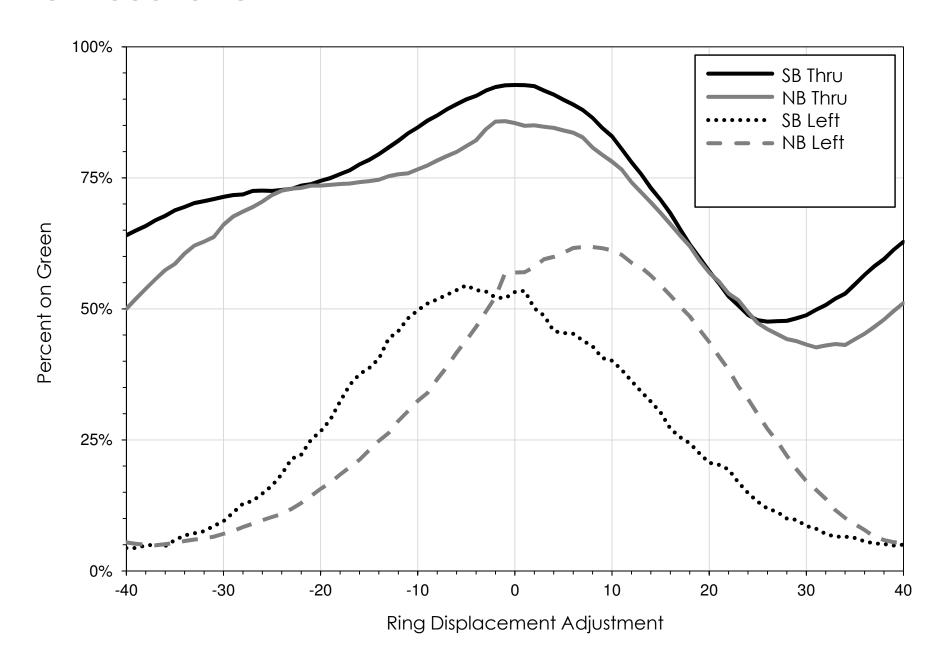
#### Northbound Thru



Southbound Left

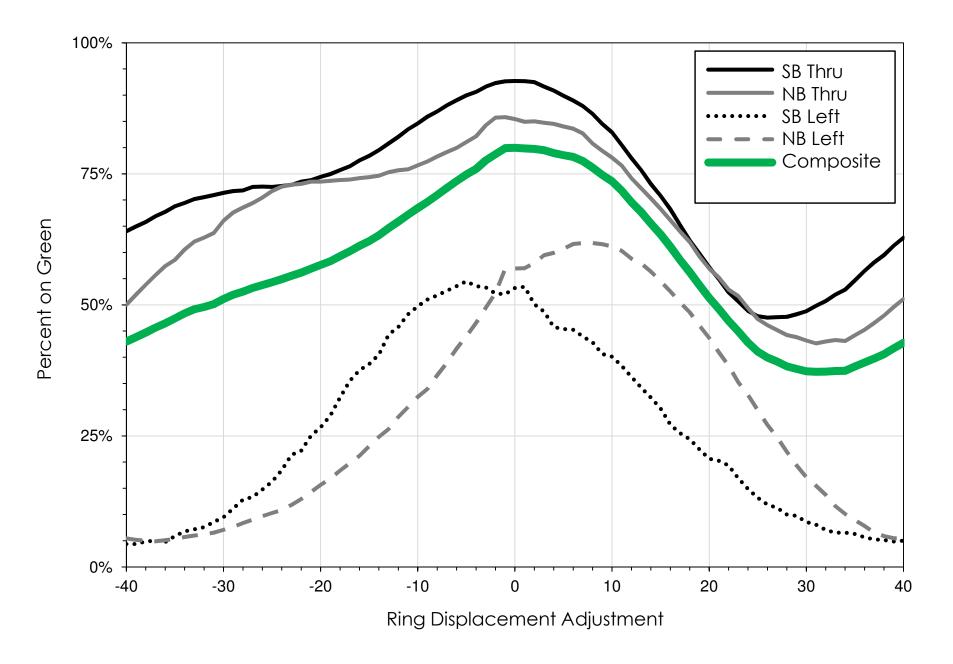


Northbound Left



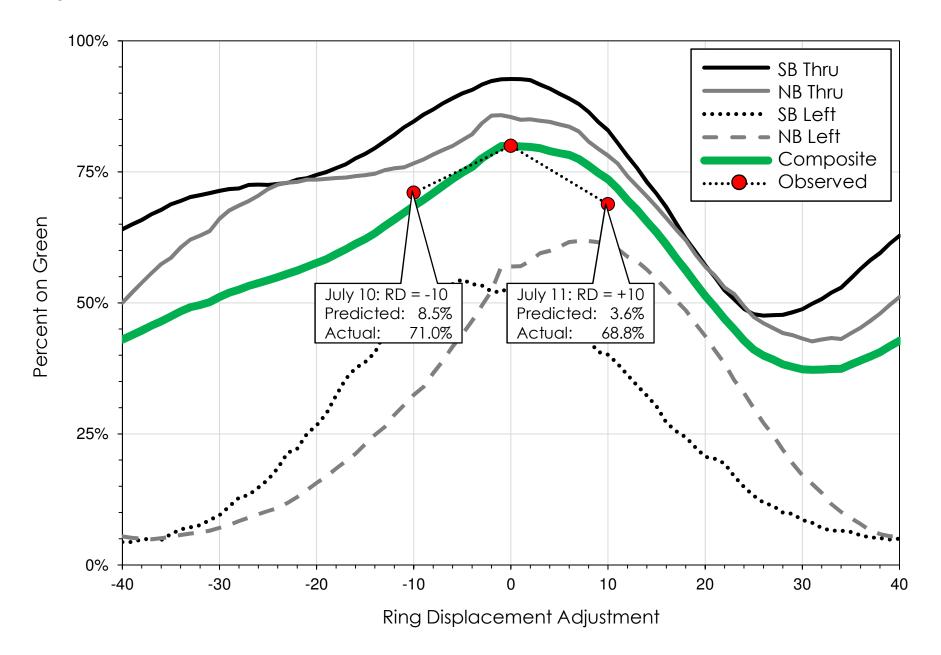
#### Composite Interchange Sweep

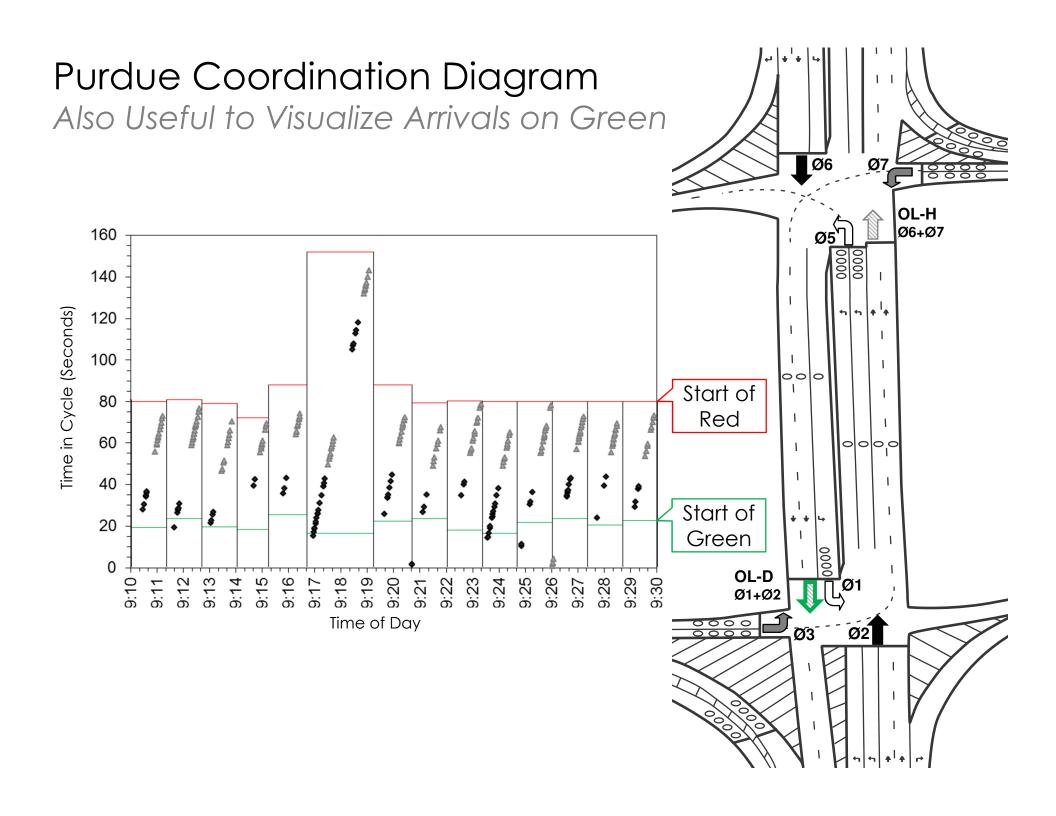
This is where all four movements are considered simultaneously

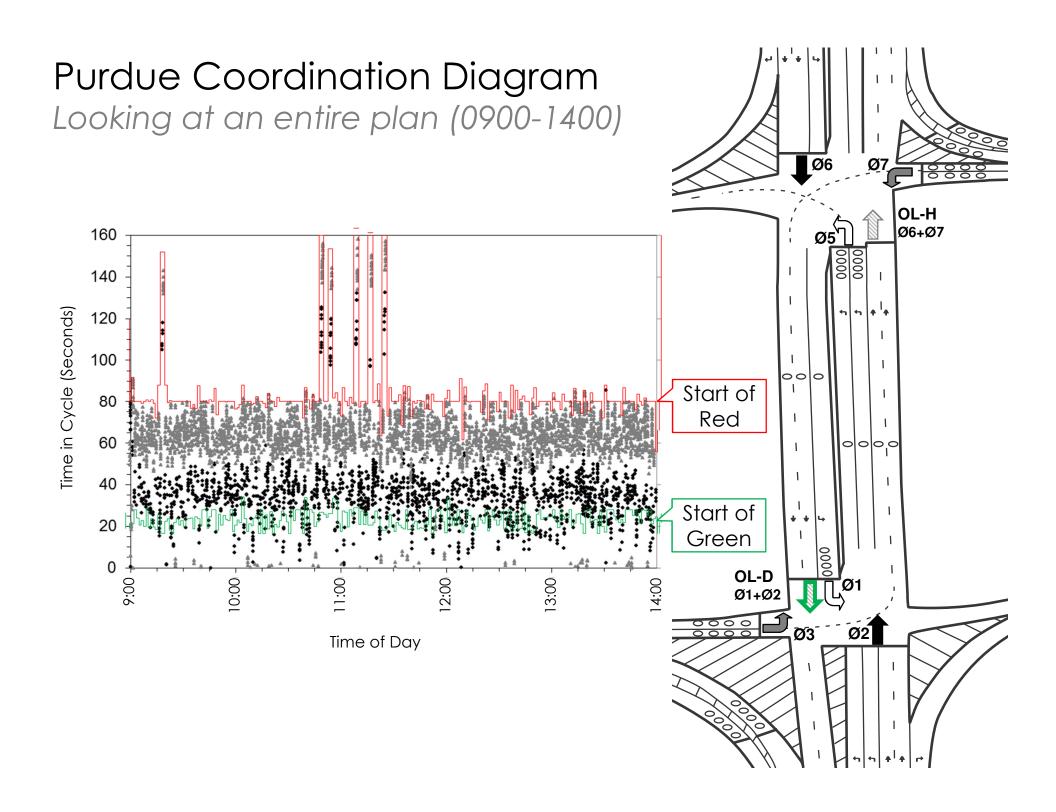


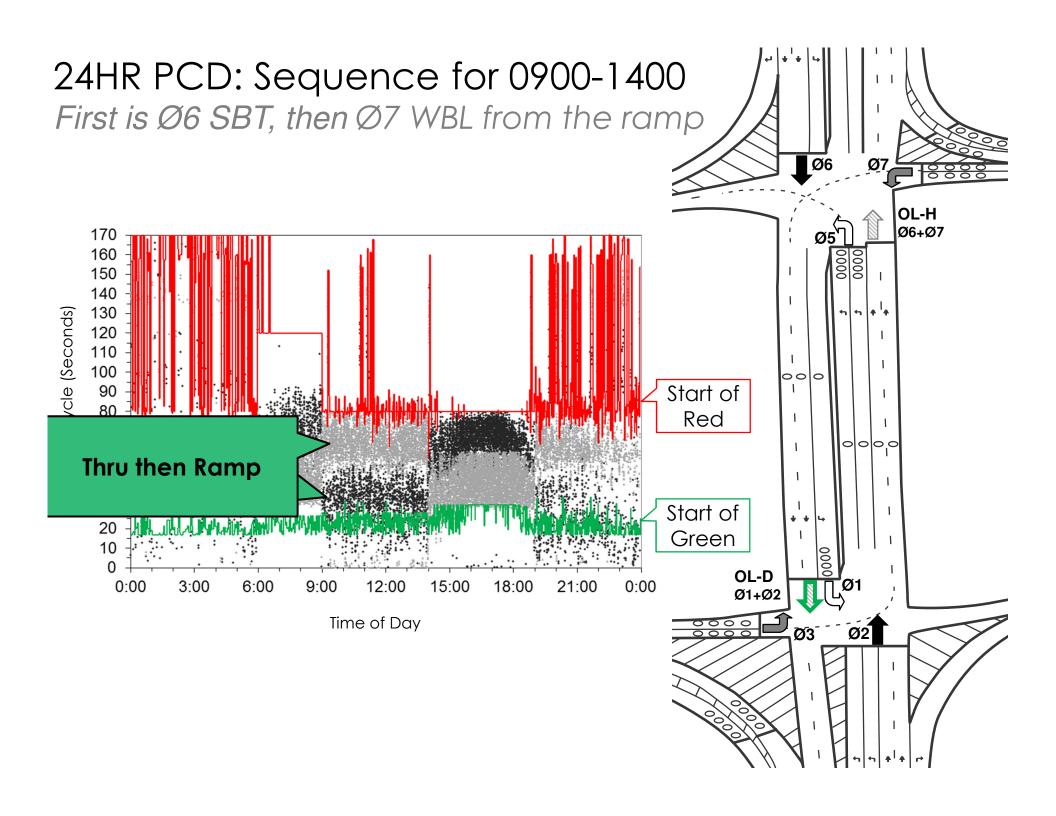
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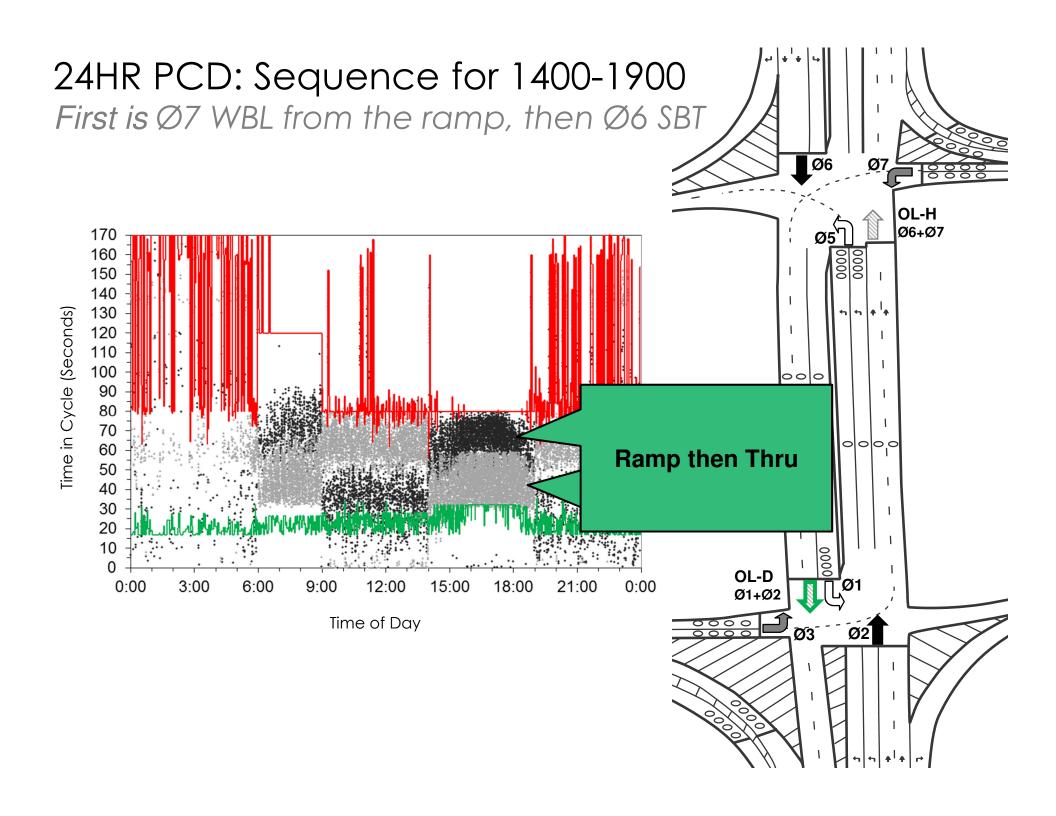
Adjust +/- 10 to see how it worked in the field











### Conclusion: These Graphics are Useful!

Can they be included on newer generation traffic controllers?

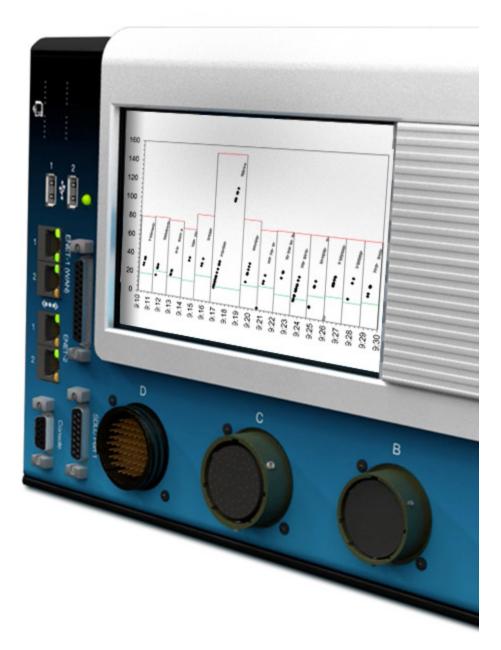




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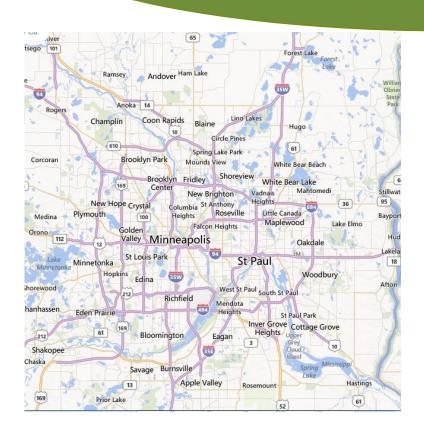
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# MnDOT - Metro District Background



- Operates about 700 signals (Mpls/St. Paul Metro area)
  - 250 signal on i2 central system
  - ▶ 450 on ARIES dial-up
- Econolite ASC2/ASC2S or ASC3 controllers
- Signal Performance Measure
  - 83 on Smart Signal
  - 21 on Utah SPM

## Smart Signal

- University of Minnesota
  - ▶ Henry Liu
- Minnesota Department of Transportation
- http://dotapp7.dot.state.mn.us
  - ▶ iMonitor "Real-time" Level of Service
  - iMeasure Data extraction tool

# Smart Signal



### iMonitor™ / iMeasure™

- System Overview
- System Check
- Site Access
- ? Help

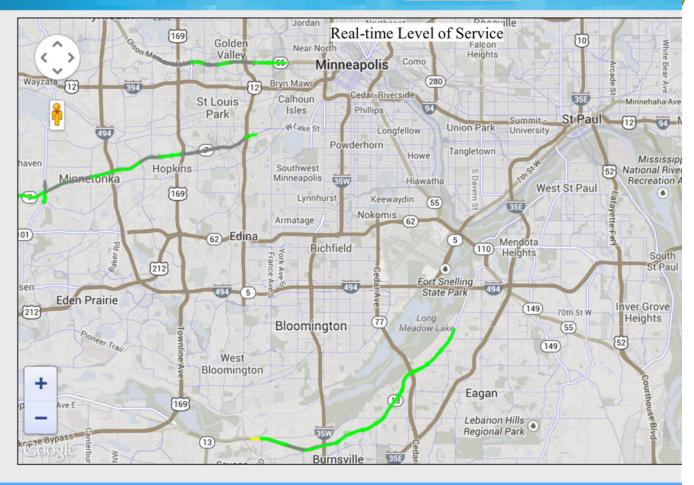
#### LOS Legend:

- A&B
- C&T
- E
- 1
- Real time data not available

#### Link Delay Legend:

- < 20 Sec./Veh.
  - Between 20 and 55 Sec./Veh

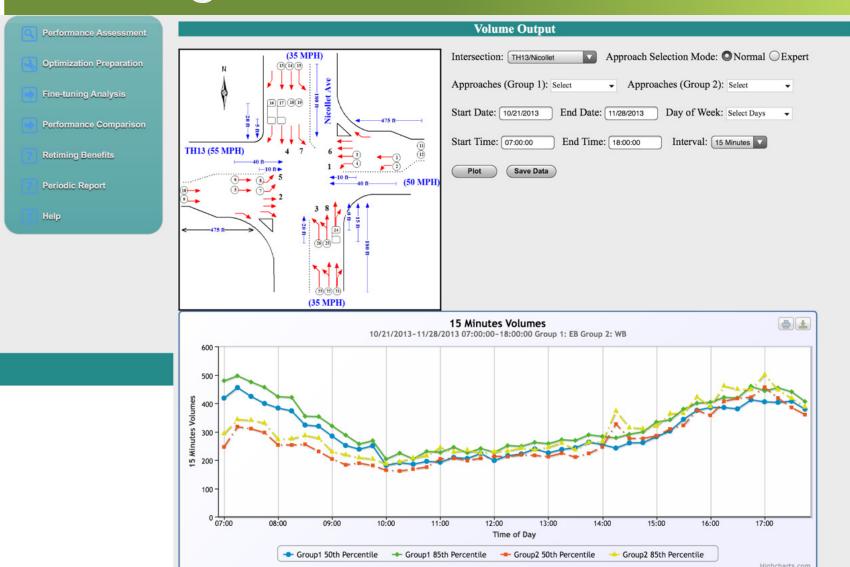
    Between 55 and 80 Sec./Veh.
- >80 Sec./Veh.
  - Real time data not available



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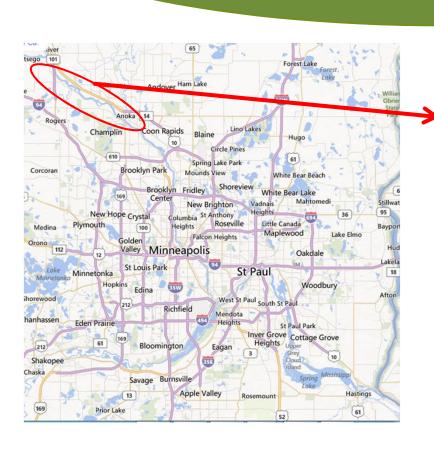
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# Smart Signal



### The Project

Develop New Timing Using High Resolution Data collected from SmartSignal





- 4 fully-actuated signals
- High speed 60-65 mph posted
- > 33,000-68,000 AADT
- 7 TOD plans
- Last retimed 2009

## Signal Timing Development

### Standard Method

- Data Collection
  - Manual Turning Movement
     Count 12 hour
  - System Detectors
- Synchro approximation of splits & cycle lengths
- Implementation & fine turning completed by time space diagram and field observations
- Before/After Comparison using Travel Time Studies

### <u>Improved Method</u>

- Data Collection
  - Automated collection averaged over Sept-Oct for each movement (M-Th, F, S & S)
- Synchro Time-space diagram for best two-way progression
- Implementation & fine turning completed by time-space diagram and field observations
- Smart Signal monitor and make adjustments to insure efficiency
- Before/After Comparison using signal performance metrics

# Volumes





# Before/After Performance Comparison

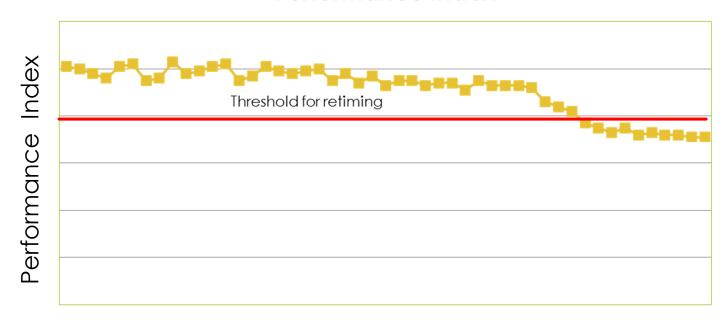
Performance Comparison - Peak Hours (Total Intersection)												
						Maximum Queue				% of Vehicles Arriving		
TH 10 at Sunfish Blvd	Volume (# of vehicles)		Total Delay (Hours)		Number of Stops		(Feet)		Saturation Level		On Green	
	Total Intersection		Total Intersection		Total Intersection		Total Intersection		Total Intersection		Total Intersection	
Time of Day	Before <sup>1</sup>	After <sup>2</sup>	Before <sup>1</sup>	After <sup>2</sup>	Before <sup>1</sup>	After <sup>2</sup>	Before <sup>1</sup>	After <sup>2</sup>	Before <sup>1</sup>	After <sup>2</sup>	Before <sup>1</sup>	After <sup>2</sup>
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Mid-Day Peak Hour	2882	1982	14.42	11.27	1281	773	226	68	0.64	0.38	0.68	0.9
1:30 pm to 2:30 pm		1302	- ·· · · · -			5			0.51	5.50	3.30	J.5
PM Peak Hour	4082	2844	28.98	17.81	2352	1040	589	99	0.92	0.53	0.74	0.87
4:30 pm to 5:30 pm	1002	2011	20.50	17.01	2332	1010	303	33	0.52	0.55	0.7 1	0.07
Total	46065	33607	256.41	177.01	21340	11301	261	58	0.63	0.34	0.6	0.9
5:00 am to 10:00 pm		23307	200.11	277101	21310	22301			0.05	0.51	5.0	0.5

### Future Plans

- Performance Index
  - based on volume, delay, number of stops, max queue length, saturation level & percent of vehicles arriving on Green
  - Calculate the PI for a given period on time (PM Peak) over a period of time (every Wednesday for the past year)
  - Track the change on performance over time
    - ▶ When do you need to retime!
- Time-space Diagram
  - Real-time TSD based on detector actuations
- Performance Metrics
  - ▶ Emissions CO₂ fuel consumed

# Future Plans Performance Index Over Time

### **Performance Index**



# MnDOT Signal Performance Measures

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#### **TIG Home**

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Each year, TIG selects a highly valuable, but largely unrecognized procedure, process, software that has been adopted by at least one agency, is market ready and is available for use by other

Guided by the vision of "a culture where rapid advancement and implementation of high payoff, expectation of the transportation community," TIG's objective is to share information with AAS agencies, and their industry partners to improve the Nation's transportation system.

Recently selected technologies with links to additional information are listed below. Also, you m and Additionally Selected Technologies categorized by AASHTO subcommittee interest area.

### **Lead States Team Focus Technologies**

### 2013 Focus Technologies



- Automated Traffic Signal Performance Measures
- UPlan Phase II

### **Prior Four Years Focus Technologies**

- Embedded Data Collector
- Environmental Diagning GIC Tools

### Additionally Selected

#### 2013 ASTs

Double Crossover Dia

#### Prior Four Years ASTs

- Anonymous Wireless Time Data Collection
- Curvatura Extancian f.

# ITE Webinar Series on Automated Traffic Signal Performance Measures (SPMs)

- Achieve Your Agency's Objectives Using SPMs April 9, 2014, 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm. Eastern
- SPM Case StudiesMay 7, 2014, 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm. Eastern
- Critical Infrastructure Elements for SPMs
  June 11, 2014, 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm. Eastern





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